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<WEAPONS (DIGITAL 3D AND PRINTED FIREARMS) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction



Mr JUDGE (Yeerongpilly—PUP) (2.34 pm): < I present a bill for an act to amend the Weapons Act >1990 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Weapons (Digital 3D and Printed Firearms) Amendment Bill 2014.

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Briefly, the policy objectives of the bill are to create a licensing scheme for persons who make, acquire, possess and/or distribute digital 3D firearms as well as for persons involved in the manufacturing of firearms using an additive manufacturing process; to provide transitional provisions for the licensing scheme; to create offences and punishment provisions for persons who unlawfully make, acquire, possess and/or distribute digital 3D firearms; and to amend the Weapons Act 1990 to include new definitions as necessary.

The bill has been developed in response to technology advancements enabling firearms to be printed using additive manufacturing processes. I table a research brief titled '3D Printed Guns' that has been prepared by the Queensland Parliamentary Library.

Tabled paper: Queensland Parliamentary Library research brief, dated 30 April 2104, regarding 3D Printed Guns.

The research brief reveals a very real and increasingly significant risk to our community. We must be cognisant of technology advancements that may, and indeed can, be applied for criminal purposes. Our laws must keep pace with technology to effectively protect our community and all citizens alike. >

First Reading

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~~MEMBERS' STATEMENTS~~

<Merrimac State High School



~~**Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (2.36 pm): I rise in the House today to report on an exciting event that I attended at the Merrimac State High School in my electorate of Mermaid Beach. It was a great honour to officially be involved in the ceremony to hand over the keys to the exciting new year 7 building that will accommodate those students from 2015 onwards. This state-of-the-art \$4.7 million year 7 building is part of the larger \$7.3 million upgrade of the Merrimac State High School facilities. As of 2015, the year 7 building will have its first intake of 240 students. This brings Merrimac in line with the infrastructure needed for the change of year 7s into high school. It was a~~