

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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Good morning,

I hereby submit my objection to the changes proposed under the Bill to the Fit & Proper Person criteria and the issuance of Firearms Prohibition Orders (FPOs). The broad drafting of the proposed legislation captures and leaves law abiding citizens open to persecution on the basis of fraudulent and/or spurious accusations. I fully support the detail in the Shooters union submission.

Whilst the proposed legislation may be aimed at stopping obvious criminals from having access to guns (which they aren't supposed to now, making it double illegal isn't likely to change that), the criteria under which an FPO can be granted is worryingly broad and could easily capture licensed firearm owners or other people who have the misfortune to be related to that person – and being “an associate of a recognised offender” is highly likely to create “Fit and proper person” issues for a firearms licence-holder or applicant, too. Does this leave all members of a shooting Club open to having an FPO if one member has a legitimate DVO against them? From the broad wording of the proposed legislation that is a logical conclusion. Saying “it won't happen” or “the law will not be applied that way” does not mitigate the wording of the legislation or the possible interpretations that could be applied.

The Queensland Parliament deserves better drafted legislation and the Queensland Community do not deserve the constant attacks and reductions in rights for law abiding citizens. You can do much better.

Regards
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