

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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This bill is too heavy handed and will affect more people than intended. The only sections that actually address criminal conduct are the ones relating to stronger penalties for knives in public and foreign damaging police vehicles, though even that is a little heavy handed. Most of the proposed bill is targeted at making it harder for: Legal and licensed firearms holders to keep weapons for hunting or recreation. Making it harder for People who have a criminal record to obtain or in some cases keep their licences. Making it harder and more expensive to obtain legal firearms and ammunition due to increased checks adding to cost and time. When you read the proposed bill over a few times it becomes apparent that it is mostly targeting freedom of speech journalism, people with criminal records who are legally licenced firearms holders as well as law abiding licenced citizens. This proposed bill is not targeting youth crime, rampant weapon violence, gang related violence and home invasions or illegally obtained firearms. This proposed bill is also not aimed at introducing harsher punishments and penalties for the aforementioned crimes, instead it aims to increase penalties and prohibitions or law abiding citizens and increase penalties of violence directed at police vehicles due to an outburst of public frustration over the lack of police ability to do more than just revenue raise or hassle law abiding citizens. You can do better, please do.