

## Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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Dear Sirs,

Regarding the proposed Bill,  
<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/bill.first/bill-2024-018> -  
submissions closing 10 am Thursday 16.

This bill achieves nothing with regard to firearm safety and community safety. "Bad actors" will always get the weapon of choice and this only discriminates against law abiding citizens who may, in a transient way, not be supporters of the government of the day. Dissatisfaction as might be expressed on open media is not violence yet this proposal seeks to put it in that category even if the dissatisfaction expressed is not necessarily shared by existing firearm owners and is only by association.

There are already more than enough laws safeguarding against irresponsible firearm ownership. We have seen police overreach using violence against peaceful demonstrations in Victoria which has been highlighted by the courts there. . Now, with this new legislation you seek to add a multiplier to that potential abuse of power? Where is the balance in support of the abused?

I am very much against this legislation and the fact that it is being rushed through with no sensible time frame for community input tells me all I need to know about the motivation behind it. Good legislation needs time for debate and community input. So by all means propose new legislation but PLEASE give us in the community time to reflect and have our say.

Respectfully

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