

## Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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Dear Ministers,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Queensland Community Safety Bill.

I cannot see how a decent government can implement such important changes to our legislation, without consulting the vital stakeholders, those law abiding citizens, who this will affect.

I can see how much emphasis has been placed on the number of firearms and firearms owners in Queensland. Obviously, this government intends to attack Law Abiding Firearms owners yet again, blaming them for the actions of criminals.

This Government has failed the people of Queensland time and time again.

Solving the firearms theft problem is easy. A mandatory 15 year jail term should be handed to anyone who steals a firearm OR anyone who breaks into a house where there are firearms stored.

This punishment, a mandatory jail term, WILL stop the vast majority of firearms thefts AND will be a simple solution to the alarming escalation of break and enters in this state. This is a simple solution, but Qld Labour Government refuse to listen to the people. The Firearms Dealers Association of Queensland has been lobbying for this solution for years, but it has been ignored over and over.

This Government is obviously hell bent on allowing crime to increase, while at the same time, blaming Law Abiding Firearm owners for their inability to solve the problem.

We see this as another excuse to dis-arm the general public.

The KAP has a brilliant idea of introducing Castle Law into Qld. This will dramatically lower the number of break and enters in Queensland. Perhaps the Miles Government should seriously get behind this bill, as it might be the one thing that the Miles Government may do right before the State election.

The KAP are listening to the people, not trying to take away their freedoms. I applaud the action of the Katter party.

You can see below, I own a firearms store here in Toowoomba. I can tell you now, implementing these restrictions and changes will close many small family owned businesses like mine. We can see that Queensland will try and follow WA, bringing in restrictions on the number of firearms a person can have. We can see this is what this Government is planning.

At the next election, I will be campaigning hard for the Katter and One Nation parties. According to the Qld Weapons Licensing website, there are 203 400 licensed firearms owners in this State (current as of 15/5/24). Every one of them has a partner, every one of them have other voting family members. Each one have friends, who will see how these changes will take away the rights of not just firearms owners, but every single person in Qld. Add these people all together and there will be a huge voting force. This group will control who takes Government at that election.


This proposed Bill will encourage people to vote together, as one, for a better Government in this State.

I strongly request that the prosed Queensland Community Safety Bill be extended by 6 weeks.

A Bill like this cannot be railroaded through without careful consultation with the stakeholders giving them ample time to prepare and submit comment.

Regards  
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