

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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Letter to the Honourable Minister,

Shooting for most Australian gun owners is a sport. For all those that don't have guns, it's a political topic. And the fact that there are no American style school shootings means we are responding to a non-existent threat. You're fighting windmills Don Quixote. Your citizens will not be happy if you take their sport. Imagine the outrage if you banned cricket or football. It would be un-Australian to say the least. If the attitude is "if it saves one life, it's worth it" then why don't we ban cricket? If we did Phillip Hughes would still be with us.

The leading cause of death in Australia is heart disease. But I see no Bill on the table to ban McDonalds or KFC. (further reading <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/WKY4fnlQBaq>)

Some small children find guns lying around and are injured or killed, but fewer than drown in bath tubs. Is anyone for banning bath tubs?

The facts are simply being ignored on this one, and the public are aware. When a government cannot justify their position, and they implement draconian laws, it is a recipe for disaster.

You are betraying the Australian populace, as you are telling them what they should want as opposed to implementing the will of the people.

That's not responsible government.

I believe in a strong government, it is necessary for a civilised society. But there is a fine line between being strong, and being totalitarian.

However much I disagree with Australia's gun laws, I do believe these laws are necessary and are currently "pretty solid/fit for purpose." And see no need to drastically change them. There is no crisis to be solved here. Implementing these laws would make a crisis and build unnecessary political dissent from citizens. The narrative these actions build is this:- "Australia has no problem with guns, the government has a problem with responsible citizens."

More guns means a safer society. Intuition deems it a logical fallacy, but the facts support this statement. (further reading to support this, Thomas Sowell <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cenwYbQyXCY> and Professor Joyce Lee Malcolm https://www.amazon.com.au/gp/product/0674016084/ref=ox_sc_act_title_5?smid=A2V74KEUXDEKUR&psc=1)

Prior to the early 1900's, the murder rate in New York City was more than 5 times as much as London for 2 centuries. And during most of that time, neither city had any gun control laws. In 1911 NYC introduced strict gun control laws, London followed suit nearly 10 years later. Yet New York City still continues to have far higher murder rates than London.

The Swiss have lower murder rates than the Germans, even though gun ownership rates are 3 times higher than in Switzerland.

Why is it, that 98.4% of mass shootings occurred in gun free zones in America between 1950-2016? (John R. Lott)

Facts have no influence whatsoever on gun control zealots. And all gun control laws do, is remove guns from law abiding citizens.

There is no gun problem, and the solution to a non-existent problem is to take away sport from responsible citizens? Good luck at the next election is all I can say.

The Australian media often sensationalises firearm misuse when, in reality, firearms are only used in 3 per cent of violent crime in the country and of this amount, only 7 per cent are

registered. While firearm ownership is strongly regulated in Australia, the SSAA has repeatedly stated that criminals can obtain firearms outside of the law and this is where legislators and law enforcement should concentrate their efforts. (source:- Sporting Shooters Association of Australia)

I live in fear currently of turning on the 6 o'clock news one day and seeing a "January 6th" on the Australian news. I hung my head in shame for America when this happened. What an embarrassing display to the world for a western democracy. I rue the day that I see Aus repeat the same mistakes. However, I hang my head in shame for the way citizens were treated by the Australian government during Covid also. The global view of Australia now is a draconian, dystopian nightmare. And I live there.

I love this country. And I don't want to see her fall due to poor political policy of all things. The policy proposed is pushing the narrative that Australian government is becoming an "interventionist state", this will build public dissent and affect you in the polls. Public trust in government is at an all-time low post Covid and with the cost of living crisis, housing crisis etc. any actions to increase public dissent are very risqué.

How much do you want to take from law abiding citizens before enough is enough?

I did not vote for this. Australians would not vote for this.

I implore you. Do not crush the spirit of your already wounded citizens in pursuit of a logical fallacy.

Sincerely,

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