

## Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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Gentlemen,

I was mystified to learn of the following from a friend – mystified because I have not heard a single thing on the news, social media or anyone else. Yet legislation is being rushed through which will substantially change firearms ownership and use.

What is your stance on this? Why has nothing been said to counter yet another massive overreach?

I can only assume that our Premier will say this is his government being tough on crime – but is crime being committed by those who own firearms, or those who use knives, steal cars, ram police, invade homes and terrorise places like my home city of Townsville?

I would appreciate your response and your intended actions to oppose yet another step toward a left wing nanny state.

Content of the email from my friend is as follows:

The Labor Government are trying to rush through legislation which is clearly designed to reduce the number of firearms licences in Queensland and reduce civil liberties - and they've only given people a fortnight to comment on it, despite the explanatory notes alone being 100 pages long.

**[The Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024](#)** amends at least 12 different Acts, including the Weapons Act, the Explosives Act, the Criminal Code and the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act.

A quick read through the Bill shows some truly frightening things including the power to strip firearms licences from people because of things their family members do, forcing people to take down social media posts the authorities don't like, and expanding the situations where police can search people without a warrant.

**THIS BILL AFFECTS EVERYONE IN QUEENSLAND, NOT JUST SHOOTERS.**

Community "Consultation" on the Bill is only open until May 16th – not nearly long enough for people to properly go through it and put a proper submission together.

The explanatory notes for the Bill are [here](#):

We believe the submission period **MUST** be delayed to allow Queenslanders a proper chance to consider the Bill, and we need your help.

As above, what is your stance on this? Do you intend to stand up for law abiding sporting shooters who are already subject to very stringent (and, in my view) adequate controls?

Your support and elevation of this issue to the media and the general public would be appreciated by the many of us who enjoy shooting as a sport.

The intent to make our State a safer place is applauded – but this proposed change will achieve nothing given the virtually non-existent reporting of firearms use in Queensland Crime. Be tough on crime, sure – but start that crusade where it will do the most good... crackdown on youth crime, crackdown on the carrying and use of knives, protect women from domestic violence.

These would be excellent places to start for the welfare of our citizens, And for the cynical among us, a crusade on these issues will carry votes!

Regards

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