

Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026

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While I acknowledge a form of government response is required after the events in Sydney, I provide this submission concerned at the lack of detail provided with the draft bill and seek further clarity before considering whether changes are adequate or an over reach.

I have listed the areas of concern in bold and my concerns in italics.

- **require that a Queensland weapons licence holder must, unless limited exceptions apply, be an Australian citizen;**

We've noted various comments by state politicians that permanent residency is sufficient though the draft bill clearly states Australian citizenship alone being the basis for acceptance of a new firearms application or renewal. We'd seek your clarification of this section, and that of current Qld licence holders who may not qualify under this simplification of the Weapons Act at some stage in future. Would an exemption be considered?

- **broaden the scope of an individual's history that may be considered in firearms licensing decisions to include information about violent and weapons-related offences, irrespective of whether a conviction is spent or not recorded;**

We'd seek your clarification as to how long ago is considered relevant, is there a set time frame of seven years for example?

- **strengthen the storage requirements for category A, B, C, E and M weapons by requiring these weapons to be stored exclusively in solid steel containers.**

We were surprised this was considered important enough to be included and usually we would ask after crime statistics to support this inclusion as steel safes have been a preference for many years. Is any period of grace allowed for the licence holder to upgrade from a timber to steel safe?

ABC webpage 10th February 2026

Tim Nicholls stated in part "If a clinician forms the view that a patient is of a higher risk of committing violence with a weapon, then it will in effect be mandatory for that clinician to report it to the Queensland Police Service," Health Minister Tim Nicholls told state parliament.

Clinicians can already report concerns to police.

Last year, Queensland Health made more than 550 disclosures regarding health practices, with two-thirds related to weapons licensing.

We are concerned how the 'view' is formed by the GP and of course a larger prognosis of the patient committing acts of violence, what triggers does the GOP observe and operate and over what period of time are they observed? Is this observation conducted during a 15 minute consultation at the patients 12 monthly check up for example?

We also note the statistic of 550 disclosures of which 366 appear to relate to firearms or weapons licence holders. This is of great concern as the weapons holder appear to be the greatest contributor. We would seek the Minister source for this information.