

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

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**Submission to the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee on behalf of SSAA
Queensland**

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1. Introduction

SSAA Queensland welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the ‘Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026’ (‘the Bill’).

SSAA Queensland acknowledges the government’s stated objective of strengthening community safety and preventing the misuse of firearms by terrorists and criminals.

SSAA Queensland supports measures that:

- target criminal misuse of firearms
- deter trafficking and unlawful supply
- strengthen penalties for serious offending
- preserve the rights of fit and proper, law-abiding firearms licence holders.

Queensland has long maintained a balanced and robust firearms framework. It is important that reforms continue to focus on criminal behaviour rather than imposing unnecessary burdens on responsible and law-abiding firearm licence holders.

2. Increased Penalties for Criminal Firearms Offences

SSAA Queensland supports:

- increasing the maximum penalty for stealing firearms or ammunition to 14 years’ imprisonment
- strengthening trafficking and unlawful supply offences
- introducing an offence for reckless discharge towards buildings or vehicles
- criminalising possession and distribution of blueprint material for 3D-printed firearms.

These reforms appropriately focus on criminal misuse and reflect the seriousness of these offences.

SSAA Queensland agrees that firearms theft, trafficking and reckless discharge present significant risks to public safety and should attract substantial penalties.

3. Australian Citizenship Requirement

The proposed requirement that a Queensland weapons licence holder must be an Australian citizen (subject to limited exemptions) represents a significant change.

SSAA Queensland submits that:

- Any exemptions for primary producers and recognised sporting shooters must be clearly defined.
- Transitional arrangements must ensure fairness for existing licence holders.
- The practical implementation of this requirement should avoid unintended consequences for legitimate temporary residents participating in regulated shooting activities.

Clarity in regulation and administrative guidance will be critical.

4. Mandatory Health Professional Reporting

SSAA Queensland understands the intent of this provision and acknowledges the importance of preventing firearms access by individuals who pose genuine risks.

However, the Association respectfully submits that:

- Clear guidance should be issued to health professionals regarding thresholds for reporting.
- The obligation should be applied judiciously and proportionately.
- Safeguards should ensure that temporary or minor mental health concerns do not automatically result in disproportionate licensing consequences.
- Maintaining trust between patients and health practitioners is essential.

5. Storage Requirements

The proposed strengthening of storage requirements by requiring solid steel containers for Categories A, B, C, E and M firearms represents a further compliance obligation for licence holders.

SSAA Queensland supports secure storage as a cornerstone of responsible firearms ownership.

However, the Association recommends:

- adequate transition periods for compliance
- clear technical guidance defining acceptable storage standards
- consideration of cost impacts on regional and rural licence holders.

6. Firearm Prohibition Orders and Broadened Licensing Considerations

SSAA Queensland recognises the need to prevent high-risk individuals from accessing firearms.

At the same time, procedural fairness, natural justice and transparency in decision-making processes must be preserved. The Association encourages clear review pathways and consistent administrative practice.

7. Suppressors

While not directly addressed in this Bill, SSAA Queensland reiterates that suppressors are a legitimate hearing protection device commonly used internationally to reduce noise exposure.

The Association remains open to continued dialogue regarding evidence-based policy regarding this subject.

8. Conclusion

SSAA Queensland supports reforms that:

- strengthen penalties for criminal misuse
- target trafficking and organised crime
- enhance intelligence sharing
- protect community safety.

It is essential that Queensland maintains its balanced framework while ensuring firearms are kept out of the wrong hands while preserving lawful access for responsible licence holders.

The Association welcomes ongoing consultation as the Bill progresses.

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