

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

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I am the historian for the Australian Arms, Militaria & Munitions Historical Society Approval No 49001016 and the licensee for Queensland Arms Fairs. This submission is on strengthen the prohibition of the public use of hate symbols, ensuring it effectively combats their promotion and protects community safety and social cohesion.

This submission is to support genuine collectors of such symbols (genuine or reproduction for a bona fide purpose)

The remainder of the bill is supported in principle.

Many firearms of a historical nature bear the current prohibited symbols. The current commonwealth legislation is complex and ambiguous. The AG Dreyfus published a brief that may contradict the legislation.

These items may not only be firearms and militaria but stamps, table ware, vehicles (any German vehicle 1933 to 1945 may be stamped with a prohibited symbol).

These were symbols of the era - not unlike the rising sun, Broad arrow and other military symbols. Some were even used by military until 2022.

These symbols may only be millimeters. However, modern "bring back" say by a soldier serving Afghanistan, Iraq has genuine collectability.

As a result of previous legislation, items were disposed of overseas or retained in private collections. Dealers and collectors suffered severe economic loss. Genuine Collectors and historic dealers cannot afford to have collections confiscated or made worthless.

As outlines in the explanatory notes These excuses ensure that a person does not commit an offence if their conduct is for a legitimate purpose, such as artistic, religious, educational, historical, legal, law enforcement or public interest purposes, or to oppose the ideology represented by the prohibited symbol.

Bona fide dealers and collectors have expert knowledge in the value of these items and importantly, keep history alive. Education, Academic, history preservation- investment are genuine reasons to possess such items.

Holders of weapons collector's licenses and other authorities to collect go through stringent checks and balances. They are fit and proper persons in every respect. They totally oppose the use of any symbol for hate.

As the licensee for Arms Fairs - its near impossible to police every item on display. Nil complaints from public - some 20 000 visitors. No offences have been detected by attending police.

Fighting Antisemitism is supported - destroying history is not.