

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

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I appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this Bill. I strongly support efforts to combat terrorism, and violent crime. Protecting the safety of our community is essential, and laws targeting genuine threats should be firm, effective, and evidence based. However, I am concerned about the potential for further restrictions on law abiding firearms owners who already comply with strict licensing, storage, and usage requirements. Responsible firearms owners should not be disproportionately burdened by measures that do little to address criminal misuse of weapons. I respectfully submit the following principles for consideration:

1. Target criminals, not the compliant. Any new measures should focus on individuals who misuse firearms, traffic illegal weapons, or pose verified risks to public safety, rather than adding broad restrictions on licensed, law abiding owners.
2. Evidence-based policy. Proposed changes should be supported by clear data demonstrating that they will meaningfully reduce crime, terrorism, or hate motivated violence.
3. Proportionality and practicality. Regulations should be reasonable, enforceable, and avoid unnecessary administrative or financial burden on responsible citizens.
4. Sunset clause. Any new restrictions introduced under this Bill should include a defined sunset clause, ensuring the measures are automatically reviewed and reconsidered after a set period. This promotes accountability and ensures laws remain justified, effective, and relevant.
5. Ongoing review. There should be transparent review of outcomes, including whether the laws successfully target criminal access to weapons rather than lawful ownership.

I support strong action against antisemitism and terrorism, but respectfully urge lawmakers to ensure that any firearm-related provisions remain balanced, targeted, and subject to future review.