

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

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I want to start by saying I generally support this Government and think it has done a strong job on community safety and crime. I appreciate that this Bill is trying to deal with serious issues like terrorism, antisemitism, and organised crime, and I agree that these are real threats that need strong laws.

I strongly support the proposal that Queensland firearms licence holders should be Australian citizens (with sensible exceptions where needed). Owning firearms is a serious responsibility, and it makes sense that this is tied to full membership of the Australian community and its laws and values.

However, I am concerned about some of the proposed changes around hate speech and symbols. While I agree that intimidation, threats, and genuine incitement to violence should be illegal, these laws must be written very carefully. Free speech is a core part of a democratic society, and I worry that overly broad laws could criminalise people for historical discussion, political views, academic research, or legitimate debate. Laws should target real threats and real harm, not opinions or symbols taken out of context.

I also strongly oppose any move to limit how many firearms a licensed person can own. Law-abiding firearm owners already go through extensive background checks, licensing, and storage requirements. Criminals do not follow these rules, so limits on legal owners will not stop crime. It will only hurt collectors, sports shooters, farmers, and people who have legitimate reasons to own multiple firearms. As long as people are licensed and storing firearms safely, there should not be arbitrary caps on numbers.

Overall, I support strong penalties for criminals and strong action against violent extremism, and I support the Government's focus on public safety. But I ask that these reforms stay targeted at criminals and extremists, and do not slowly erode the rights of responsible, law-abiding Australians. David is by far the best premier in Australia right now.