

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

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Regarding the requirement to hold an Australian citizenship to be eligible for a firearm, as a licence holder and avid hunter and permanent resident I am concerned about how this is change will impact people in my situation. I have invested a lot of money in this hobby, and as Queensland have opted out of the national buy back scheme I stand to lose thousands of dollars in investment. Overall I agree with the change to require citizenship to be eligible for a firearm licence, but request either a grandfather clause to allow current non citizen licence holders to keep their licence legally, or a grace period to allow us either to gain citizenship, or give us time to sell our assets. Otherwise through no wrong doing people in my situation will be unfairly disadvantaged financially. Personally I lodged my application for citizenship as soon as the rule change was announced nationally, but that process is likely to take 9-18 months.