

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

Submission No: 175

Submission By: Robert Tony Polley

Publication: Making the submission and your name public

I am a private citizen and I legally own firearms. My thoughts on the proposed legislative amendments are as follows:

- I do not support laws where parliament cannot demonstrate an evidence-based need and a mechanism for those laws to address that need.
- I strongly support Queensland rejecting limits on the number of firearms a licensee may own because no need for, or benefit of, this law has been demonstrated. This law would invoice Australian tax payers greater than \$1B to destroy my family air looms and the air rifle that I purchased as a child.
- I support laws that focus on those who steal, or are in possession of stolen, firearms. In these instances, I see punishing a law-abiding firearm owner who is the victim of a theft as a miscarriage of justice.
- The evaluation of mental health must be evidence based where unintended consequences are considered. I am appalled by the Western Australian legislation that shows ambivalence to the mental health needs of their constituents, and this legislation should not be followed in Queensland.

Some of our elected members are using their massive communication base (that Queenslanders pay for) to divide our state with the slogan "you can't be tough on crime if you're soft on guns". Parliament is not discharging its duty to Queensland when politicians are distributing propaganda to attack a law-abiding minority group. This, and other similar, campaigns are inciting discrimination and hostility against me and other members of the law-abiding firearms community. It is state sponsored and it must stop now. I expect the proposed legislation to address this.