

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

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I am a firearms licence instructor in Queensland. I hold Australian permanent residency and have lived in Queensland for more than 20 years. Since I began participating in sporting clay in 2016, I have developed a deep passion for the sport. I shot competition almost every Sunday in QLD and also interstate as I can, I just start shooting overseas.

Three years ago, with the support and encouragement of my club, I obtained my firearms instructor accreditation. From that point on, I committed myself to promoting this sport within the Chinese community. After several years of effort, I am finally seeing more Chinese participants becoming involved in sporting clays. I am very proud that my students not only obtain their firearms licences legally, but also develop a strong awareness of safe firearm handling and a genuine interest in the sport of shooting.

However, due to a proposed change in the law requiring Australian citizenship in order to hold a firearms licence, I now face losing my qualification and, consequently, my job. All the years of effort I have invested in promoting this sport within the community may come to nothing.

Queensland's firearms laws are already very strict. Non-permanent residents may be eligible to obtain certain licences but are restricted from purchasing firearms. I simply wish to continue contributing to the shooting community in any way I can, and to help more members of the Chinese community understand how to participate safely and responsibly in local competitions.

Instead, I am now facing the real risk of unemployment.