

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

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I believe that the QLD governments new laws on firearms to be very good in that they actually seek to stop the problems of terrorists and criminals obtaining firearms rather than punishing lawful firearm owners who are not a problem.

However I believe that there are a couple of areas that need some further nuances or refinement.

1 Mental and physical health issues.

These should not automatically result in the loss of firearms or firearm licenses.

This is because automatic loss of firearms and firearms license has the perverse effect of discouraging people from seeking mental health or delaying physical health help because they know that they will lose their firearms and firearm license. It should only be used in cases of extreme mental health issues.

2 Non citizens being barred from firearm licences.

This also needs to be nuanced as many long term Australian permanent residents have held firearm licenses for many years.

If they have done so for many years they should not be excluded from having firearm licenses into the future as they have already proven themselves to be safe and good citizens.

3 Wooden firearm safes.

It could be argued that a professionally built solid timber safe is more secure than a metal safe especially with modern portable battery powered angle grinders.

Hoping that the committee will take my suggested considerations into account however as stated previously I believe that the QLD government has done a good targeted job with these firearm laws.

Thanks,

John Dennis.