

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

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I am herein writing to you expressing my gratitude from the outset of the Bill of how the Premier and Cabinet of the LNP Government has taken a strong stance on two things, one being that the horrific actions do not and will not fall on the shoulders of myself and other Law Abiding Firearm Owners, and two, that the issue lays with those outside of the law and those who wish to cause harm will not abide by any laws set, and new laws that use collective punishment will not stop any further attacks.

I appreciate the fact that the new laws will not restrict the amount of firearms that one can own and also not change the definitions of any categories. I personally have been a licensed firearm owner since the age of 18, having had my Minors licence since 13. I have personally followed the letter of the law, the only law I have known when it comes to firearm laws, since 13. I am old enough to remember the pre 96 firearm laws and have lived with "the world standard" of firearm laws since I was able to own firearms, 18 years of age. The 96 firearm laws were sold to us LAFO's at the time and society as a whole that they were there to protect us all. I 100% believe that if the law was adhered too the horrific events of Bondi would not have happened. The perpetrators were not ever, as far as the law and the 'pub test' would say, "fit and proper" to hold a firearm licence. Again I am pleased to see the Premier and Police Minister has restated that opinion in their own words and actions.

In short, I thank the Premier and the Police Minister, and for that matter my local Member for Gympie for taking a more grown up approach to ensure that those who need to be punished will be, those who will need to be stopped will be, and those such as myself, will not be punished by either a superficial limit put on the amount of firearms I can own OR moving firearms I can currently own and have owned without incident to another category of which, legally will make it almost impossible for myself to own, or unnecessarily more expensive by forcing me to apply for another firearms licence, overnight stripping myself and others of the ability to participate in their hobby or sport without any wrongdoing on their own part.