

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

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In light of the tragic incident at Bondi in December 2025, it is important that governments around Australia take the time and approach any law reviews in a methodical and rational manner. The danger in implementing knee-jerk law changes in the emotionally charged aftermath of a major incident, is that those changes can fail to address the problems, and there can be significant unintended consequences.

The QLD government appears to have got the balance right with the proposed changes to the Weapons Act. Importantly, the QLD government has recognised that the focus should be on preventing criminals and terrorists from gaining access to weapons, rather than increasing the restrictions and compliance burden upon already law-abiding firearm owners in QLD.

In particular I support the increased penalties for trafficking in illegal firearms, as well as theft of firearms and ammunition. I hope that these tougher penalties will be matched by vigorous police enforcement operations - as deterrence against crime comes from both the potential penalties as well as likelihood of being caught. Furthermore I support the government in its decision not to implement any arbitrary caps on firearm ownership, or re-categorisation of firearm action types - as both measures appear to have no evidence in Australia or internationally of any effect on safety or gun related crime.

All Queenslanders want to see the safety and security of the community prioritised, and criminals and terrorists targeted and taken off our streets. At the same time, we recognise that law-abiding firearm owners are not, and have never been the problem, and that outdoor recreation including sports shooting and hunting, as well as primary production and professional feral pest control are important parts of both our culture and economy & should be promoted rather than curtailed.