

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

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There are many people who abhor violence and I am one of them. However, ownership of a firearm does not indicate that the owner is a violent person. I have held a gun licence and owned firearms since the 1960's. That is a long time. I started shooting on a farmer's property due to the vast numbers of rabbits that were running wild on his sheep farm. Eventually I owned my own small acreage with a few cattle and family horses on it. I used firearms then due to feral pigs, cats, dogs and dingoes. I have never shot a dingo, as they are native to this land. But the other, feral, animals do a lot of damage and need to be controlled. I used to use poison also, but for the last few years I have been unable to obtain it. So I and my neighbours use our firearms. None of us is mentally unstable nor violently political or a danger due to any other concern. I think we represent the normal Australian. Normal Australians, whether or not they are land owners with animals to protect, are not savage people, indoctrinated to include violence in their daily thoughts, as are some other people. Laws to recognise and to control those other people are the laws that need to be reviewed and changed if necessary. But the average Australian, with no criminal record, is, in my opinion, already controlled to the extent necessary for gun ownership. In July 2025 two police officers came to my home and checked my guns and gun safe, with no problems. I have never used my weapons for illegal purposes nor do I intend to. Laws can be as restrictive as possible, yet those intent on using them for illegal purposes will still be able to obtain them. I am an aircraft pilot and that is, of course, one way to smuggle them in. Plus we have a huge coastline. I am sure that, were I so inclined, I could work out how to bring guns into this country. But normal Australian people have no such desire and I believe that we are adequately controlled by the existing laws. Please do not add more laws to our lives. Concentrate on uncontrolled firearms instead.