

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

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RE: Call for Submissions 'Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026'.

I, Kelly van Dongen, agree with the 'Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026'.

As a citizen by birth from the Netherlands, I have been a permanent resident in Australia and gun licence holder since 2017. When this bill takes effect, I will lose my gun licence as I am not an Australian citizen. I would like to point out the predicament myself and fellow permanent resident gun license holders are in.

As a citizen from the Netherlands, I have been a permanent resident in Australia since 2017. I have been satisfied with my permanent residency as it gave me the same rights and benefits as an Australian citizen except for the right to vote.

The Netherlands will not allow me dual citizenship unless I marry an Australian. Luckily, I have an Australian partner. However, we are content in our relationship, marriage and citizenship has not been our (financial) priority.

However, to keep my gun license, I am willing to have a courthouse ceremony and complete the citizen application process. Though, this takes time (10 months).

Is there a grace period for permanent resident gun licence holders to complete this process? Do I lose my licence and my rifles when this bill takes effect? Is there a grace period to transfer my rifles to a friend or family member? Moreover, will I get my licence back when I become an Australian citizen? Will there be a wait period of X amount of years? Or will this bill disarm us and prevent us from getting a gun licence?

In short, as a law abiding, tax paying permanent resident with a gun licence, how will this affect me?