

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

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I am a sporting shooter who resides in Queensland. These comments relate to the proposed amendments to the Weapons Act 1990.

I support the QLD governments approach to target criminal/terrorist use of firearms. In contrast, the laws introduced in NSW that include re-categorising certain firearms will yield no benefit to public safety. An associated buy back will also amount to a sizeable waste of public funds in that state.

In terms of the proposed amendments, I believe the following changes should be included:

1. New Zealand citizens who reside in QLD should be permitted to hold a firearms license for all genuine reasons.
2. Retain the proposed exclusion of citizenship requirements for occupational and sporting genuine reasons. But for the genuine reason of Sports or Target Shooting, the applicant should require either:
 - a) Permanent residency status, or
 - b) A minimum of 12 months living in QLD

For all non-citizen applicants, the individual should be required to produce a criminal history check from any country they have been in for over 6 months in total during the last 10 years.