

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

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Dear Committee,

Like the Federal Government retorts for the 'hate speech and gun laws' changes, I don't think that this QLD bill should be merged into one bill, rather two bills, as there are different demographics, circumstances with respect to the context concerning the motive behind the recent event at Bondi that has brought this bill about. It is afront to those law-abiding firearm owners and punishing those for a crime they did not commit. Whereas the proposed amendments to antisemitism - dare I say, hate speech laws - instead impacts all Australians and thus is more reasonable for those amendments to be addressed with that whole of QLD, not just a specific group; and this will then allow the processes to be more deliberate and thorough without the committee trying to decipher the responses of two (very) important changes to the legislation and allow these two matters to have blurred lines, which I believe would be remiss, unjust and ultimately not processed with due care and timely consideration. As the committee are no doubt aware, Australia is known for have the toughest firearm laws in the world, and evidence suggests they are working just fine; extremism is the issue at play here, like 9/11 - 25-years on look at the aviation security now: Like the 'Australian Gun Law' changes in 1996, it took a major event to improve aviation security due to the rise of terrorism and extremism, and with respect to the 'Bondi shooting', I allege there are still too many assumptions and proposed 'kneejerk reactions from emotionally-charged and over-passionate politicians proposing these law changes and as I said, there is the risk of not following timely and proper process, and this summation is backed by the fact the people of Australia demanded - and were rightly granted a Royal Commission concerning the events leading to the Bondi shooting, and in my opinion, it would be prudent that the committee await the findings of the Royal Commission, so that information can be considered before assessing this 'one' bill.

Kind regards,

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