

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

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Dear Committee,

I would firstly like to congratulate the Crisafulli government for not following the knee jerk irresponsible decisions of other states and for actually taking the time to look at evidence based decisions in relation to Qld's firearm laws. All changes should rightfully be targeting criminals & extremists, not punishing law abiding firearm owners for the actions of the few, including Permanent residents, visitors to Qld to hunt & compete in shooting competitions. There is no need for firearm caps, or forced "buybacks", if anyone wishes to surrender firearms there's already an amnesty in place. There should be no mental health checks and current firearm licence terms are more than sufficient. Removing the requirement to do minimum handgun shooting competitions should also be removed, as was evidenced during Covid when these were temporarily revised this had no effect on "public safety ". To streamline firearm purchases , I would suggest once the initial waiting periods for classes of firearms has been served, that a licence holder should no longer have to submit PTA's, that a dealer should be able to do an online check that the licence is still current and not been suspended or cancelled and then that licence holder should be able to purchase the firearm immediately. This would also help free up some of the Weapons Licencing branches workload. I would also like to suggest that suppressors are made available for the majority of licensed shooters as this is not only an OHS issue to help protect not only the users, but others in the vicinity hearing (this is in addition to the fact hearing protection is already used and will enhance this) as well as serving a practical purpose when out hunting, it will help hunters to engage the animals more effectively.

Thanks for taking the time to review my submission and once again for targeting criminals not law abiding firearm owners.

Kind Regards
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