

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

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To the Queensland Parliamentary Committee,

My comments are regarding the new proposed 'Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026'.

This proposed legislation is an appropriate response to the real issue/risks identified from the horrific Bondi Terrorist attack. It strengthens controls in the current legislation without punishing law abiding citizens or occupational users of firearms.

The amendments allow Queensland to continue its practical use of firearms. Specifically, regarding the quantity limits proposed by other states and the federal government, this legislation allows a licence holder to participate in sport shooting, hunting, occupational use of firearms (eg farmers), and collection of historic firearms by not restricting the number of firearms a person can lawfully own.

Most importantly it tightens the regulations around who can access legal firearms. As with the effectiveness of any law, it comes down to the enforcement of the law. When this is not done appropriately, the law fails.

Unlike other states and the federal government, this proposed legislation is not a knee jerk reaction. It appears to be a controlled and measured response to the Terrorist attack in Bondi. Well done to the current Queensland Government.