

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

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To The Honourable Members of the Justice Integrity and Community Safety Committee

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I am writing as a concerned member of the Queensland community to provide my thoughts on the Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns Out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026.

I want to begin by acknowledging the government's commitment to tackling the serious issues of antisemitism and the criminal use of firearms. I support the clear intention of this Bill to protect our communities and disrupt dangerous individuals. The purpose of my submission is to encourage the Committee to ensure the final legislation is not only strong on its objectives, but also targeted, effective, and fair in its application.

My core position is one of support for the Bill's goals, with a strong emphasis on getting the details right. It is essential that any changes to our laws are smart and precise. Legislation that is overly broad or rushed can create unintended consequences, failing to improve safety while placing an unfair burden on law-abiding citizens. The focus must remain squarely on criminals, terrorists, and those who incite hatred.

I urge the Committee to use the following principles as a guide when reviewing the Bill:

- * Target the Source of the Problem: The legislation must be laser-focused on illegal firearm trafficking, organised crime, and preventing terrorist access to weapons. These are the primary threats to public safety.
- * Evidence Over Emotion: New measures should be grounded in clear data and evidence that demonstrates their likely effectiveness. This ensures the policy is practical and will deliver the intended results.
- * Proportionality and Fairness: The response must be appropriate to the threat. The law should be balanced, ensuring it does not penalise responsible, licensed firearm owners who are not part of the problem.
- * Clarity for Enforcement: The Bill must be drafted with clarity to avoid ambiguity. This allows for consistent and fair enforcement by our police services.

While I am yet to see the full details of the Bill, I offer the following points for the Committee's consideration:

* Addressing Antisemitism: The provisions to combat antisemitism are a welcome and necessary step. It is crucial that the language used is precise to effectively target hate crimes and incitement to violence, without inadvertently stifling legitimate speech and debate.

* Disrupt the Black Market: I recommend the Committee pay special attention to the measures aimed at dismantling the illegal supply chain for firearms. This is where the most meaningful impact on public safety can be made.

* Impact on Lawful Owners: Please scrutinise any new requirements placed on licensed firearm owners. Any changes to licensing, categories, or storage should be directly justified by evidence linking them to a reduction in crime.

* Safeguards for New Powers: If the Bill grants new powers to law enforcement, it is vital that it includes strong oversight and safeguards to protect civil liberties and prevent potential misuse.

This Bill is a significant opportunity to strengthen Queensland's response to some of the most pressing challenges we face. I trust that the Committee will undertake a thoughtful and thorough review.

By ensuring this legislation is smart, targeted, and fair, you can help create laws that genuinely enhance community safety, hold the right people accountable, and maintain the rights of responsible Queenslanders.

Thank you for your time and for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Mladen Prasnikar