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

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I'm writing as an everyday person in Queensland to talk about this new bill, the one about fighting antisemitism and keeping guns from criminals and terrorists. Look, I get what the government is trying to do here, and I'm on board with the general idea. We need to deal with hate and keep dangerous weapons away from dangerous people. No argument there.

My point is simple: let's make sure we get this right. A law that's rushed or too broad can be a mess. It can fail to actually make us safer while making life a pain for people who are just trying to follow the rules. We need to keep the focus on the actual bad guys: the criminals, the terrorists, and the people stirring up hatred.

When you're looking at this bill, I reckon you should keep a few things in mind:

- * Go after the real problem: The law should be zeroed in on illegal gun trafficking, organised crime, and stopping terrorists from getting weapons. That's the real threat.
- * Use facts, not just feelings: Any new rules should be based on solid proof that they'll actually work. Don't just do something for the sake of it; do it because the data shows it'll make a difference.
- * Be fair: The punishment should fit the crime. Don't make it harder for responsible, licensed gun owners who aren't causing any trouble. They're not the problem.
- * Make it clear: Write the law so it's not confusing. That way, police can enforce it the same way everywhere, and it's fair to everyone.

I haven't seen all the fine print yet, but here are a few things I hope you'll think about:

- * On the hate groups: Instead of just focusing on antisemitism, the bill should protect all religious groups. That means Jewish people, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists—everyone. The language needs to be sharp enough to nail hate crimes and people calling for violence against any faith, without shutting down normal debate.
- * Smash the black market: Please pay close attention to the part about shutting down the illegal gun supply chain. That's where you'll make the biggest dent in actual crime.
- * Don't hassle legal owners: Take a hard look at any new hoops you're making licensed gun owners jump through. If you're changing licenses, categories, or storage rules, you better have a good reason, backed by evidence, that it'll actually lower crime.

* New police powers need checks: If you're giving the police new powers, you need to build in strong safeguards. We have to protect people's rights and make sure those powers aren't misused.

This bill is a real chance to make Queensland safer. I trust you'll give it a good, hard look. If you make this law smart, focused, and fair, you'll be doing something that actually helps our communities, holds the right people accountable, and lets the rest of us get on with our lives.

Thanks for your time and for listening.
Sincerely,

Sasa Prasnikar