

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

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With regard to amendment clause 57, specifically -

(ab) if the authorised officer is aware the person has been charged with a relevant offence, including a charge that has been withdrawn, discharged or struck out—

(i) the charge; and
(ii) any information about the circumstances of the offence or charge to which the officer has access; and

Please consider that many withdrawn cases arise from frivolous prosecution as a result of a third party trying to gain an advantage, e.g., in Family Court, with the accused having done nothing wrong in the first instance. These cases are often made to further the third parties' advantage and financially disadvantage the other. Rarely is there any blowback to the third party for making false allegations but the other side has to deal with the financial and reputational loss when trying to move on, e.g., firearms licensing/blue cards etc. Please ensure that if these circumstances are to be taken into account that they are investigated and allowed to be explained fully before a decision is made.