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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
Subject: Fwd: Re:- Amendments to Qld Weapons Act 1990, Section 67 Possessing and Acquiring Restricted Items.
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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 21/4/20 5:24 pm (GMT+10:00)
To: lacac@parliment.qld.gov.au
Subject: Re:- Amendments to Qld Weapons Act 1990, Section 67 Possessing and Acquiring Restricted Items.

Dear Sir

I wish to submit my thoughts on the above proposed amendments to the Qld Weapons Act 1990. Primarily the proposed changes to section 67 Possessing and Acquiring Restricted Items.

It is clear that the primary aim of these proposed amendments is aimed at the regulation of replica "restricted" firearms predominantly the use and acquisition of Gel Blaster type weapons. Though this also mentions replica non-firing, which I understand to be 1/1 scale replicas of historically relevant weapons such as Vickers, Lewis, Bren and other such replicas.

Currently the replicas in this latter class have been regarded as "restricted fire arms"(semi-automatic and automatic weapons). As such considerable effort and expense was required to aquire and possess these replicas. These replicas are generally expensive, then you need to pay for Permit to Aquire (PTA), and a Certificate of Deactivation(when these have never been active during their history).

This I find to be excessive as these replicas are made mainly from resin, wood and plastic (PVC) piping. As a result these replicas are essentially a 1/1 model of a said weapon, whose primary use is to be on display as in museums and public education as with historical re-enacting and living history groups and displays, including events such as ANZAC Day like displays. These replicas have, are and will never be able to fire any sort of Projectile. And as such are a non-gun.

In the past six(6) months, following several years of negotiations between the Qld Police Service (QPS) and Qld Living History Federation (QLHF), that this type of replicas would be treated and regulated in the same way as Gel Basters that do fire a projectile, that being the gel ball and do not require a weapons license. Please note that I do not believe Gel Blasters should be subject to any type of licence.

Thank-you for allowing me to express my thought concerns and opinions.

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