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DEAR SIR/MADAM

EVERY AUSTRALIA HAS THE RIGHT TO  
 LIVE AND THE RIGHT TOO DEFEND ONES SELF  
 AND <sup>ALSO</sup> COMES A TIME WHEN ONE MAY NOT HAVE THE  
 BRUTE FORCE TO DEFEND ONESSELF SO ONE  
 MUST SEEK OTHER MEANS OF DEFENCE IN THE  
 FORM OF A FIREARM. SO EVERY ONE SHOULD  
 HAVE THE RIGHT TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF  
 FIREARMS AS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO A FREE  
 SOCIETY, OF NO LESS IMPORTANCE THAN THE  
 RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH OR OWNERSHIP  
 OF PROPERTY.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

STEVEN GOAN