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**FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM AND KEEPING GUNS OUT OF THE HANDS OF
TERRORISTS AND CRIMINALS AMENDMENT BILL 2026**

 **Mr G KELLY** (Mirani—LNP) (7.55 pm): I rise to speak on the Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026. Sunday, 14 December 2025 was a dark day for our nation. It was a day of grief and a day of trauma—a day that will stay with all Jewish and Australian communities forever. Two gunmen opened fire on a Jewish community celebration on Bondi Beach. This horrific attack claimed the lives of 15 innocent people. This was an act of hatred. Anti-Semitism was at its core. My heart goes out to every family who lost a loved one. No words can undo that pain, and no words can truly describe the fear and trauma that day caused the Jewish community right across Australia.

When something like this happens, governments have a responsibility not to chase headlines and not to react in panic but to look at what failed and fix it properly. That is what this bill does. The root cause of this attack was anti-Semitism, so we are acting on hate. We are banning the public display of hate symbols. We are strengthening laws against inciting violence and hate. We are protecting vulnerable communities.

Queenslanders come from many backgrounds. We have different stories, different beliefs and different upbringings, but we stand together. There is no place in Queensland—or Australia—for hatred based on who you are, where you come from or what you believe in. After this horrific attack, we saw other state governments and the federal government rush to blame guns alone. The truth is that there were system failures—serious failures that allowed someone to access firearms when they should never have been able to. That is what we are fixing, because in regional Queensland firearms are not political props.

I am proud to stand here today as a strong voice for my electorate of Mirani. Mirani is one of Queensland's largest regional electorates and it is built on agriculture, grazing and primary production. A significant proportion of our community are farmers and graziers and firearms are an essential tool of their trade. As a primary producer myself, I use firearms for feral pest management and understand firsthand why they matter.

I speak to farmers every day. They face many challenges, and many of those challenges are pest related. Across Queensland, pest animals cost agriculture tens of millions of dollars every year. In an electorate like Mirani, which is built on beef and sugar, those costs are felt directly by our producers. Feral pests eat the grass meant for livestock. Farmers lose stock to wild dogs. Feral pigs smash through fences and destroy crops. Without effective pest control food production suffers and my good friend and neighbour the member for Rockhampton would struggle to proudly call Rockhampton the beef capital of Australia. However, it is not just cattle producers. Our sugarcane growers across the Pioneer Valley and Plane Creek districts rely on pest control to protect their crops as well. When pests damage cane, yield drops. When yields drop, families and local mills feel it. Agriculture is the backbone of our region—from beef to sugar—and practical tools matter.

It is not just farmers I am standing up for. In Mirani we have seven gun clubs and ranges across the electorate. These are responsible, licensed shooters—people who follow the law, people who respect safety. As chair of the Parliamentary Friends of Shooters, I regularly engage with sporting shooters and firearm owners right across Queensland. I hear directly from them about safety, responsibility and the importance of getting the balance right.

For many, going to the range is a way to unwind. It is a social outlet. It is a sport that requires discipline, skill and respect for strict rules—and those rules are strict. To hold a gun licence in Queensland you must pass police background checks. You must store firearms safely. You can be subject to inspections. If you commit an offence, like drink-driving, you can lose your licence.

Gun owners understand their responsibilities and they take them very seriously. As a government we understand the conditions already placed on gun owners. We know Queensland has strict checks in place to ensure licence holders are fit and proper persons. We know how easily a licence can be lost. That is why this bill goes to the heart of the failures that could have prevented that tragic attack in Bondi.

We are not punishing law-abiding Queenslanders. We are not targeting farmers or sporting shooters. We are not taking tools away from people who did nothing wrong. We are fixing the real gaps. This bill increases penalties for unlawful possession of weapons. It increases penalties for unlawful supply and trafficking of weapons. It increases penalties for unlawful modification of firearms. It increases penalties for stealing firearms. It restricts firearm ownership by non citizens except in limited circumstances. It bans possession of blueprints for 3D printed guns. Importantly, it strengthens intelligence-sharing arrangements with our national security agencies, including the Australian Defence Force, to ensure police have the information they need to stop firearms falling into the wrong hands.

This is the key difference. This bill focuses on prevention. It focuses on intelligence. It focuses on stopping criminals and extremists before tragedy strikes. We are not going for headlines. We are going for outcomes. The Crisafulli government is committed to making Queenslanders safe. We are targeting criminals. We are targeting hate. We are fixing system failures, and we are doing it without punishing responsible Queenslanders who rely on firearms as tools for work or sport.

This bill shows that we can be strong on community safety while still respecting regional Queensland and the people who live there. It is deliberate. It is targeted. It addresses the real cause of what happened at Bondi. We are doing it the Queensland way. I am proud to stand here today and represent the voices of the farmers and sporting shooters in my electorate in support of this bill. I commend the bill to the House.