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Inquiry into the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026

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To whom it may concern

The following is my submission on the upcoming firearms laws

I am an Army veteran with 15 years of service. I have been a legal and law abiding firearms owner for at least 40 years.

I contribute to the community by culling rabbits for a number of properties in the ACT and NSW. I also hunt deer and this meat feeds friends and family. I own nine firearms for different types of game and target shooting sports.

I understand the tragedy in Bondi is horrific. This person had six firearms but only used three to commit this horrific crime. These new laws would have made absolutely no difference.

I note that applications for firearms license have recently jumped. This is due to additional family members getting licences so they can keep their firearms. This means the new legislation will make no difference to the number of firearms in the community and actually may increase it.

No one in the ACT community has a "belt fed" weapon. These are military weapons and have never been legal. On a side note - the Bondi shooters did not have belt feed weapons. They had a belt with ammunition in it which was manually loaded. Are we going to band belts?

I own an air rifle that is straight pull. This is for target shooting and rabbits. Ban this firearm shows a lack of understanding of firearms. No one is going to use an air rifle (50m maximum) for an event like Bondi.

As a legitimate and legal owner of firearms it feels like I am being punished for the crimes committed by others. If this was a court of law it would be illegal to punish me for others actions (ex AFP member and VicPol member). If I commit a violent crime my firearms will be removed under current legislation.

This legislation will not stop the next Bondi event. Criminals will always gain access to weapons if they want them. I do not believe all criminals source their weapons from legal owners and would like to see the statistics.

I would like the statistics for the ACT on firearms crimes to be part of this inquiry and be made public. I do not think this legislation would make any different to those figures which I would believe are very small any way.

This event was a failing of NSW Police and intelligence. Non Australians should not own firearms. If you are being investigated by ASIO anyone in your household should not own firearms. Many government organisations could have stopped this event but this legislation would not have stopped it.

I agree with the 3D printing files ban.

Thank you
Simon Woolley