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Inquiry into Legislation on proposed firearms reform

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Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026 and
Firearms (Firearm Prohibition Orders) Amendment
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The Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026 proposes to limit the number of firearms that can be possessed and used by individuals to 5, unless certain exceptions apply. Do you support this?:

No, as a competition shooter, hunter and recreational shooter 5 firearms is insufficient to undertake these activities in a competitive or humane fashion. I hunt game ranging in size from rabbits to buffalo and many species in between. Hunting such a various size of game requires several calibres.

The Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026 proposes changes to the categories of the types of firearms that can be possessed and used. Do you have any views on this? :

Rapid fire firearms are already banned in Australia. Straight pull firearms are in effect, no faster to reload than many other firearm types. Many of these types of firearms are extremely expensive and are owned by shooting enthusiasts not your average gang member or criminal.

Do you support the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026 proposed prohibition on belt-fed firearms?:

This type of firearm does not exist, and never has. All mention of it should be removed from this proposed legislation. The only belt fed magazine type firearm are 'machine guns' which have only ever been used by the military. Machine guns have never been legal for private use.

No, many law abiding firearm owners have schematic diagrams

Do you support the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026's creation of an offence of possessing digital blueprints for the computer-aided manufacture of firearms and firearm parts?:

of their firearms. This aids in the disassembly and reassembly of firearms for maintenance, cleaning and replacing worn and broken parts. If parts break identification and naming are essential to order replacements.

Are there any changes you would like to see made to the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill? :

Australia has amongst the world's strictest firearm legislation and the ACT has Australia's tightest. It also has the lowest firearms related crime in Australia which has been slowly and steadily declining for decades. Changes will not impact criminals or terrorists whatsoever.

Do you support the passage of the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026 by the Assembly?:

No, it will only impact law abiding firearm owners who are no threat to society in any way.

The Firearms (Firearm Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill 2026 proposes the establishment of a firearm prohibition order scheme in which a court order can be made by a Magistrate on application by the Chief Police Officer to prohibit an individual from acquiring, possessing or using a firearm or firearm related item and attending premises where firearms or firearm related items may be located. Do you agree with the proposal to establish such a scheme here in the ACT?:

No, sufficient legislation is already in place. If for example current procedures were implemented the tragedy at Bondi would have been prevented. Additionally many who have suffered at the hands of violent partners would be alive and well if the authorities had simply enacted current procedures

Do you support the passage of the Firearms (Firearm Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill 2026 by the Assembly?:

Definitely not

Are there any changes you would like to see made to the Firearms (Firearm Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill 2026?:

No tightening or imposing further restrictions on current legislation is necessary or warranted.

Do you have any other comments about either bill you would like to share?:

These proposed changes will not get firearms off the streets, will not make society safer, and will do nothing to curb unlawful actions by criminals, terrorists groups or anyone who wished to harm others. It will only affect law abiding citizens who have absolutely no intention on breaking the law.

Would you like to speak to the Committee at a public hearing?:

Yes

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Yes