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Inquiry into Legislation on proposed firearms reform

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Hello Committee Members, as you know there are some new firearms laws being taken into consideration. Which may be a problem for junior shooters like me. I am only 13 years old and have been shooting for about 6 months, but I have been heavily involved in the sport from a very young age. In this text I am going to tell you what the impact will be if these firearms laws go through.

Firstly, I strongly believe that I can be trusted with a firearm, as I mentioned earlier I have only been shooting for a short period but I've been involved for nearly my entire life. I always helped out at the range when I could. Whether it was setting up targets, picking up brass or even just patching targets, I always had something to do. I have been through all the correct protocols to be able to get my minors licence. I am currently undergoing a safety course with fully licenced adults that make sure I'm doing the correct thing.

Secondly, changing the firearms laws will mean taking away a family dominated sport. Since I started shooting, my father and my best friends father of which I met five years ago at the range have been teaching me to shoot. I have made many friendships through the sport and it would be a shame to take that away. our friendships have grown so close that we are constantly hanging out outside of the range and our parents go out for dinner we've had countless sleepovers and playdates over the years. Two of my friends are not twelve yet which means they aren't able to shoot but they are just like me and have wanted to shoot their entire lives and if these firearms laws go through they may never get a chance to. I'm sure no one would want that to happen especially because they have been helping out as much as they can to be able to prove to the shooting community that they deserve to be able to live out their dream to shoot.

Lastly, it's about the shooting. I love shooting it's my favourite sport that I have been counting down to do since I was three it's always been my dream to carry on the sport my parents introduced me to; I've always hoped that someday I might be able to beat my dad. So far, I have been to the 2025 Mudgee nationals and won gold in my age category. Just recently I also won gold at territorials. I even won top gun at both competitions. I believe I'm a pretty good shooter for the amount of time I've been shooting. My mum believes it genetics because shooting in my family goes way back and my dad believes it's because he is a good teacher, I believe its both. When we travelled to Mudgee for nationals it was an amazing time we camped and every night everyone sat around a fire laughing, talking and enjoying the charcuterie board my best friends mum made.

In conclusion I will forever be grateful for being able to have this opportunity to shoot, and I hope I am able to carry on the sport I love. I really, really hope that these firearms laws don't impact anyone's love for shooting, because I know it would mean the world to me and my friends if we are able to continue to shoot