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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?:

Noting that this limit would have had no positive impact on the incident which triggered this Bill I must question the reasoning behind it. This bill would appear to only impact law abiding firearms owners and the buybacks represent a drain on the Territories finances which it can ill afford

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? :

The current categories have served the territory well for a number of years and is at this point well known and understood. There appears to be minimal reason to update it at this time.

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

Noting that Belt-Fed Firearms only represent a significant threat when attached to a Machine Gun which is already WILDLY illegal, this appears to be a superfluous addition.

Without strict definitions attached this risks catching innocent Cos-

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?:

Players, Game Developers and others who have legitimate reasons for possessing "Blueprints" of firearms and Firearm parts but no intent of producing objects capable of firing projectiles.

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

Some better clarity around what constitutes safe transport of firearms would be good as the current language is not entirely clear.

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

As I hope is clear from the above I do not support the passage of the bill in its current form.

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?:

I do, so long as there is an appeals process and mechanism for storage of the firearms during that process.

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

I do, so long as there is an appeals process and mechanism for storage of the firearms during that process.

Are there any changes you would like to see made to the Firearms (Firearm Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill 2026?: No

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

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

Yes, No

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Yes