



Media release

New inquiry into Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026

The Standing Committee on Legal Affairs has announced it will be undertaking an inquiry into the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026.

The bill amends the *Firearms Act 1996* to strengthen gun laws in the ACT in accordance with National Cabinet commitments following the Bondi Beach Terror Attack on 14 December 2025.

The Chair, Ms Chaika Barry MLA, commented:

Given the significance of the tragic events which led to this bill's development, the Committee invites submissions from a wide range of stakeholders, including shooting and gun clubs, community safety and gun control advocates, farmers and pastoralists, terrorism experts, and religious communities.

The Terms of Reference for the inquiry are available on the inquiry webpage: [\[link\]](#)

Information about how to make a submission is available on the Assembly website [\[link\]](#)

Submissions close on 6 March 2026.

The Committee will report by 3 May 2026.

12 February 2026

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