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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 Bill  
2026:

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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?:

I do NOT. As a licenced firearms owner, a limitation on firearm numbers is not going to lessen the risk that I or any other licenced shooter present to the public. I am only ably to use 1 firearm at a time and will limit any recreational activity that I choose to pursue in the future.

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? :

I understand the concern, however for the purpose of targetting feral animals, the change of categories will reduce the effectiveness of "volunteers" and others who do not have a commercial licence but assist on rural properties.

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

I do not know of a current legal belt fed firearm that I could currently own so not sure what this piece of legislation provides.

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?:

I do for active firearm componants such as actions, barrels triggers etc. Licenced firearms holders should have the ability to make attachments to registered firearms such as torch brackets, bipod mounts etc.

Instead I would like to see increased penalties for usage by

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

any firearms in the conduct of another crime. increased again for unlicensed persons and/or unregistered firearms.

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

I do not 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?:

Limited, as you are then limited in attending friends or family properties both rural and urban properties.

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

Not in its current forms.

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

Amended to have some reduced limitations based on time of visit, I understand the need for living with but not visitation.

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

I believe that a better response is to actively pursue unlicensed firearm holders and unregistered firearms in peoples possession. a re-assessment of storage requirements increase burden to licence holders but may lower the risk of thefts from licence holders and be a better response.

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

No

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Yes