



Submission cover sheet

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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Please select one of these statements: I accept that the Committee may publish my submission, including my name, on the Assembly website.

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I do not support the concept of limitations on the number of firearms. The limit associated to this bill are arbitrary and have no data supporting them. The concept of limitations on number of firearms a person can possess is not supported in other country and appears to come solely from a lobby group. The amount of firearms a person can own in the ACT is limited by their proven need of use which is already in place in the ACT. Safety of the community of any amount of firearms held by any person, group, business, or government department is rightly subject to the secure storage of those firearms.

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?:

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 do not support the recategorization of firearm types. The call for these changes relates to "advances in technology". The firearms that are proposed to be recategorized are based on technology dating back to the 1800s in most cases. The continual moving of categories has no measurable effect on public safety.

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

I do not support the prohibition of belt fed firearms. One of the main factors that undermines the validity and trust in both the law and lawmakers is the incorrect use of terms. At a glance this is reasonable however it makes a laughing stock of our laws and government policies under scrutiny

Do you support the Firearms (Public
Safety) Amendment Bill 2026's
creation of an offence of possessing

Partially. These "blueprints" should be limited to a person who has a licence to possess the type of

digital blueprints for the computer-aided manufacture of firearms and firearm parts?:

firearm the digital file relates to.

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

I would like a roundtable convened with members of the anti-gun and gun lobby groups, businesses related to firearms, clubs, and police firearms forensics to walk through the changes together. This will create robust, evidence based legislation rather than rubber stamping.

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

I do not support the passage of the bill.

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

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

I do

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

I understand that I cannot share my submission until the Committee publishes it.:

Yes