



# 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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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?:

No I do not for the following reasons: Firearms are different in terms of caliber are used for different purposes and a limit if 5 will mean that there is a risk that the correct firearm will not be used for hunting. Sporting easily needs > 5 to compete across rifle, shotgun and pistol sports

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? :

Straight pull firearms do not pose additional risk however lever release semiautomatic firearms may pose any additional risk and changed to category C firearms

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

There are no belt fed firearms to my knowledge available outside the army and its inclusion is evidence of the ignorance of the market and availability. Perhaps the inclusion of this is purely for publicity reasons? Political grandstanding in my opinion. This clause inclusion will have no effect

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 support this Only for individuals or groups not involved in legitimate businesses producing, modifying or repairing firearms Legitimate firearms industry businesses

Are there any changes you would like to see made to the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill? :	<p>should be allowed these under appropriate security protections</p> <p>I think the whole bill will not have any meaningful effect of public safety as the criminal element will not adhere to it. The law change will penalise law abiding firearm owners and a large monetary cost to the ACT and Federal budget for no outcome other than political grandstanding</p>
Do you support the passage of the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026 by the Assembly?:	No
<p>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?:</p>	Yes
Do you support the passage of the Firearms (Firearm Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill 2026 by the Assembly?:	Not in its current form
Are there any changes you would like to see made to the Firearms (Firearm Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill 2026?:	The only change to be the prohibition order
Do you have any other comments about either bill you would like to share?:	No
Would you like to speak to the Committee at a public hearing?:	No
I understand that I cannot share my submission until the Committee publishes it.:	Yes