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Inquiry into Legislation on proposed firearms reform

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I support without changes the Firearms (Firearm Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill 2026.

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. There is no evidence at all that introducing arbitrary caps will improve safety. It only takes 1 gun to be used as a weapon. The Bondi terrorists had three so how does a cap of 5, 10, 50 make a difference other than restricting the range of sporting and hunting options available to law abiding people make. Every time someone wants to acquire a firearm the registry has to approve it. Helping staff at the registry to conduct background checks and identifying suspicious activity will provide actual risk reduction as opposed to feel good tough on shooters media. There is of course nothing to stop each family member in one household having 5 or 10 firearms to allow criminals/terrorists to accumulate a large number of firearms. The caps are just pointless as criminals and terrorists won't be impacted at all.

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?

Yes - It is pointless and won't improve safety. In the case of straight pull rifles - With a bit of

practice, which intending terrorists will do, a bolt action rifle can fire a round every couple of seconds. Loading lever and button shotguns is actually quite cumbersome.

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

Well, the complete ignorance of the people enacting laws on firearms is here for all to see. This is the clear example of the government having no clue about the types of firearms and their use as specific tools for specific purposes. This tells me the stitch-up of decent law-abiding shooters as a coverup for intelligence and enforcement failures is all but complete.

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?

Yes

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

Deletion of ownership caps. No change to classifications.

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

No, this bill will not improve public safety. The focus needs to be on intelligence and enforcement. Bad guys will get the guns they need anyway. Of course, most people can only shoot 1 gun at a time, so what difference will inconveniencing decent law-abiding people actually make.

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

I expect that laws and regulations are based on relevant evidence not some knee jerk reaction by NSW to make a scapegoat of shooters rather than fess up to failures in enforcement and diligence of the NSW registry. It is just a copy of another states (WA) legislation that had no evidence behind it and was designed to not inconvenience too many voters while pandering to many others - oh how cynical of me.

This whole exercise does nothing to address the failure of intelligence and the lack of action by the NSW registry.

Category A firearms and rifles and shotguns specifically used for competitions should be exempted from caps. Category A firearms present little risk to the community. Category B rifles used for precision target shooting have no other realistic use as do some very specific shotguns models used in some clay target competitions such as high rib trap guns and skeet guns. An alternative is to reclassify precision target shooting rifles to category A or allow the registry to exempt these rifles from an individual's cap.
