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Inquiry into Legislation on proposed firearms reform

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NRAA Submission – Firearms (Firearms Prohibition Order) Amendment Bill 2026 – ACT

Introduction

The National Rifle Association of Australia (NRAA) welcomes the opportunity to again contribute comments on this Firearms Prohibition Order (FPO) Bill to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs.

This NRAA submission follows that of 1st March 2026 and should be read as an addendum to the earlier submission.

1. FPO Policy Intent

We note the comments in the Explanatory Statement that: *“The overarching objective of the FPO scheme is to enhance community safety by responding to the threat of high risk individuals using clandestine means to acquire firearms.”*

We also note that the legislation is targeted at: *“...people who present very high risks of engaging in domestic violence, who have established criminal connections with organised crime groups, or who have expressed extreme and violent views towards public figures and agencies.”*

NRAA members, including those residing in the ACT, are law-abiding members of the community who comply with the strict responsibilities of firearms ownership and usage. As such, we do not consider that NRAA members and other law-abiding licensed firearms owners are in any way impacted by the introduction of this Bill. NRAA therefore supports that the Bill introduces enhanced powers for Police to act with high risk individuals in certain situations.



2. Petition

NRAA notes the Petition on “Firearms Reform – Evidence Based Policy and Proper Consultation” sponsored by Mr James Milligan and submitted by Ms Nicole Small. NRAA broadly endorses the eight (8) reasons for the petition.

Regarding the Requested Actions, NRAA notes that action 1 calls on the Assembly to: *“Defer the introduction of any major firearms legislative reforms until the findings of the current Australian and Victorian Government investigations have been completed, released and properly assessed;”*

NRAA noted in our earlier submission: *“Whilst it is comforting that the proposed Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026 (“the Bill”) delivers on the ACT Government’s commitment to stronger laws to improve public safety, its placement ahead of the Bondi Royal Commission findings being available, other state regulations being finalised, and the renegotiated National Firearms Register (NFR) being finalised delivers challenges for our sport and members.”*

NRAA notes that media sources indicate there remains considerable disagreement between State and Federal governments on aspects such as whether:

- a. Firearms legislation is required to be amended at all.
- b. Certain firearms should be changed to prohibited Category C or not
- c. Caps on the number of firearms should be imposed or not.
- d. Australian citizenship should be mandated or not as a condition for obtaining a FL.
- e. A gun buyback scheme is supported or not.

In our earlier submission NRAA provided commentary on some of these aspects where relevant to the ACT Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026. NRAA supports the petition Requested Action 1 to defer the introduction of any major firearms legislative reforms until other jurisdictions have completed their investigations and ACT can make a thorough assessment. To do so would be prudent and responsible towards the intent of aligning with national consistency on firearms legislation.

Furthermore, NRAA notes the media reports that NSW Firearms Registry has requested eight (8) additional staff to cope with the increased and arguably unnecessary administration burden brought about because of the rushed NSW legislation introduced in January. Unintended consequences and the costs and benefits of Firearms legislation amendments need to be considered carefully.

To that end, NRAA also supports all the remaining four actions requested in the petition.



NRAA welcomes requests for further information or discussions on aspects of the above.

Yours faithfully

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