



## Media release

### Inquiry into Legislation on proposed firearms reform announced

Following the introduction of the Firearms (Firearm Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill 2026 last week, the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs has announced it will be undertaking an inquiry into that bill, and will be incorporating that inquiry into its existing inquiry into the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026.

Committee Chair, Chiaka Barry MLA said:

*Noting the significant new search powers police would be granted under the bill, the Committee felt it vitally important to inquire into the bill. However, given that this bill is part of a wider reform of firearms legislation in the wake of the Bondi Beach terrorist attack, the Committee has decided to combine its inquiry into this bill with its existing inquiry into the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026.*

The Terms of Reference for the inquiry are available on the inquiry webpage: [link](#)

Submissions on the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026 are extended to 10 April 2026.

Submissions on the Firearms (Firearm Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill 2026 are also due on 10 April 2026.

Those who may have already provided a submission on the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026 do not need to make a further submission unless they have additional views on the Firearms (Firearm Prohibition Order) Amendment Bill 2026 that they would like to share.

Information about how to make a submission is available on the Assembly website:

<https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/get-involved/guides/submissions>.

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