

Firearms Amendment Committee.

As a Lawful firearms owner and user of over twenty years in this great country, I am becoming concerned that the proposed laws will be creating criminals of people without intent on wrong doing. As there are several changes I will try to address each separately.

1. The Outlaw MC amendment. A- If someone with a licence is a member but has not committed offences that warrant the removal of said licence then the removal of such should be unwarranted if not classed as illegal in and of itself. Outlaw clubs by definition do not follow the laws of polite society, so if access to firearms (illegal or otherwise) is their want then they will find a way.
2. Toys are Toys! Gel blasters and the plastic "BB" guns are just that and licencing of these and the subsequent confiscation and prosecution of owners is unjustifiable waste of our (The Tax payers money). But! If used to commit a crime should in that case be classified as a firearm. As it was intended at that moment in time.
3. Extending the amnesty is a good thing for the public. As long as this is indefinite and it will continue to allow those firearms to be registered not just surrendered.
4. Lever Guns and rifles should remain a cat. A & B. they are of no more a danger to the public than a bolt action firearm. I have myself use many of both over the yea. To be honest the extra capacity these days just cost extra in ammunition so you have to be far more careful of your shot count.
5. Has there been a sudden uptake in shortened firearms that requires a change to the current laws? Are Law abiding Firearms owners suddenly cutting down their expensive to replace arms? Is the law that covers this inappropriate? I would imagine the Judges 7 Magistrates would be able to adjust sentencing to suit the intent.
6. Now is this having "blueprints with the intent of manufacture" or just" possession of manufacturing blueprints". Last I looked the definition of owning and intent were completely different. Being interested in design and possession of blueprints should never be a crime. If so then Education itself should be under scrutiny also. I believe manufacture of firearms is already illegal in this Country without a licence already.

The other amendments are out of my scope of understanding at this time(I will be reading more if I can find it).

My final word is this. It sounds like people are trying to justify their own existence and importance by trying to create/change laws that are covered elsewhere. This is a shame because as a state Tasmania is not in a great monetary position yet some seem to adamant in wasting hard working peoples taxes.

As a Tax payer I am therefore one of the employers of both Federal and State Governments, Also all of the services that are employed throughout this Great Country. When Laws are proposed to be changed, The intent should be spread throughout the State in full explanation for all to see and comment.

We need Transparency NOT! Hidden agenda.

Thank you.

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