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On Behalf of concerned Kentish Firearms Licence Holders (CKFLH)

FIREARMS AMENDMENT (Community Safety) Bill2023

Our Submission to the Consultation Information Sheet (Community Safety) Bill 2023

We the (CKFLH) have concerns of the preamble to this amendment bill which seems to highlight that Lawful, Licensed & respected firearm owners are a hazard, danger & are unsafe in their respective communities. Hence the so called need to amend the Act to protect our community from unlawful, unsafe "behaviour". We believe this Rhetoric to be Alarmist & discriminatory & while we have no concerns for Police to act on criminal behaviour/activities, Lawful gun owners should not be stigmatised with this behaviour as to be Unsafe & Dangerous to our Communities.

Our Submission will follow the published changes in the order submitted on the Have Your Say-Firearm Amendment (Community Safety) Bill 2023

1. Restrictions to OMG Members

Whilst not opposed to the regulation of criminal members of OMGs being restricted to firearm ownership there should be defined instructions as to the word & meaning of Participants & Association so innocent members of family & friends who have no links to the organisation are not subjected to punitive measures solely on that association with the OMG member.

2. Toy Firearm's

We agree that using "replica" or "lifelike" TOY firearms that appear to be real in the commission of a crime should be subject to the crime of Aggravated Assault. However the proposed Amendment make it clear "That possessing or displaying an imitation firearm that is also a toy will constitute the offence of Aggravated Assault." The wording of this Amendment concerns us as it does not clarify what constitutes a "TOY" as there are brightly coloured NERF & GEL BLASTER Toys that do not present as lifelike but may fall under this amendment.

3.

We don't understand the relevance & significance of this Amendment.
More Clarification is required.

4.

The Amnesty must be Extended however it should include surrendering to a licensed dealer as there are many areas in this state which do not have manned police stations & for many people accessing a out of area police station would be a hardship they may not consider. For public safety these items should be allowed to be handed in anonymously at either place.

5.

We believe this amendment should be omitted as there is no demonstrated evidence that reclassification of this shotgun would "Be more proportionate to the safety posed"

We believe this shotgun should remain in Cat A as any change is based on emotion & not evidence.

The shotgun is an important tool for controlling browsing animals in agriculture & many farmers use recreational hunters as a valuable resource in harvesting to ensure a successful crop.

6.

Shortened Firearms are Illegal and therefore anyone in possession of a shortened firearm should be prosecuted & dealt with under a criminal act.

7.

We believe that before there are increased capacity for officers to issue more infringement notices there needs to be "established guidelines" & dedicated, trained storage compliance officers to conduct inspections so there is no different interpretation during storage inspections.

8.

We do not support this amendment as it is too ambiguous & lacking detail as to what constitutes a digital blueprint.

Perhaps the amendment should refer to

"Possession of a blueprint to use unlawfully or unlawfully manufacture"

9,10,11.

We believe more information & detail are needed to have an informed decision on these amendments.

We also believe that all references relating to the Ministers responsibilities under the act being passed to the commissioner should be omitted & all references should stay the responsibility of the elected minister.

Being Lawful,Licensed & Registered responsible firearm owners we believe that there should be amendments to the criminal code recognising the act of Firearm Theft. There should be more responsibility on the criminal act of Firearm theft on the offender not the lawful owner.

Firearm owners in Tasmania have been subject to rigorous & increased restrictions & vilified as being unsafe members of their communities & we believe they should not be blamed for the acts of the criminal element in our communities.

Regards

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For & on behalf of CKFLH.

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