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Dear Sir/Madam,

I must express my concern at the potential inclusion of the following in this Bill.

- automatic loss of **all** firearms for offences involving possession of shortened firearms - shortened firearms are illegal and highly dangerous

An automatic loss of all firearms is most inappropriate, and must be changed. Collectors and Dealers might be bankrupted by an oversight, costing many dollars of stock or assets.

There exists in our community many firearms which have been shortened for ease of handling, but which are still within the overall legal length of 620mm (from memory).

For instance, some .22lr calibre rifles have been made with very long barrels to aid an open sighted rifle's accuracy; a longer sighting radius. But the velocity is reduced, so many .22lr rifles have their barrels shortened to aid in handling, which work is normally done legally by a gunsmith for instance.

Hardly "highly dangerous". A longer barrel is not needed when a rifle has a telescopic sight fitted.

And we have ex-military firearms which have been barrel shortened; rifles and pistols for instance. The very collectible .303 rifles were legally shortened post War (and serial numbers altered too which scenario has not yet been clarified I am told).

Lastly, a layman like myself has no show of understanding the wording of this potential change to our Act.

I look forward to your amending the wording please.

Yours Sincerely,
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