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Mr Ellis MP

After writing my first submission I went online and found the video footage of the knife attack at Harris Scarfe in Hobart. It certainly enhanced my existing limited knowledge of the event from written newspaper reports and prompted me to make this second submission. If you haven't seen the footage, go watch it. It is exactly what I have experienced on multiple occasions in my career in the military and as a Paramedic in Melbourne. a (bitter) taste of reality.

I saw a person 'enraged' and armed with a very large knife rapidly approaching a group of people who appeared to be attempting to detain the attacker's friend/accomplice? In the background a woman can be heard on the phone with 000 requesting police then stating 'he has a knife'.

In those few SECONDS the attacker has repeatedly stabbed several people and then the camera person. SECONDS.all recorded in colour on a handheld phone and uploaded to the internet before the police even arrive.

"when seconds count, police are minutes away"

Laws didn't prevent the attack on the victims.

Laws didn't defend the victims.

Police didn't prevent the attack on the victims

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The ONLY thing the video showed was VICTIMS being attacked by an armed offender (who is breaking the law) while they waited for police to be called and eventually arrive.....all too late.

Now tell me again how Laws will make the public safer?

I do not expect an answer as it was a rhetorical question.

The ONLY thing that would have prevented that attack is if one or many of those people were armed and trained to defend [themselves.as](#) they are in the USA and many other countries. The irony is that people today can pull out their phone and record the crime quicker than pulling out their permitted concealed carry firearm and defend themselves.... oh wait, I forgot, Australia doesn't allow firearms for self defence.

Here in Australia politicians have legislated via the 1996 NFA that 'self defence' is not a suitable reason to possess a firearm. POLITICIANS removed Australians' natural right to defend themselves with a firearm. YET Politicians have armed security, the Courts have armed security, the wealthy have armed security, Banks and jewelry stores have armed security even schools in Melbourne have armed security.....but the average citizen.....? No. You are not allowed to be armed to protect yourself.

Second to this POLITICIANS legislated even further that "a person commits an offence if they carry or possess any item or thing for the purpose of self defence". No non lethal defence equipment, No pepper spray, no baton, no taser, no paintball gun, no pepperball gun, no nothing....'any ITEM or THING for the purpose of self defence" but you can use your fists...

Now replay the video and think about that offender in the home of an elderly person and tell me how ANY politician sleeps at night KNOWING you made these people VICTIMS to the criminals who don't follow the laws POLITICIANS made.

POLITICIANS made Australians victims and then said "we are doing this for public safety". The hypocrisy is palpable. It is also unacceptable.

That video is just ANOTHER example of clear evidence that Laws don't work. The internet is FULL of videos of these laws not working. NO amount of laws would prevent that situation from being repeated, yet AGAIN because criminals don't follow the law yet you continue making ineffective amendments because you want to PRESENT yourself as a politician who is "tough on crime".

The majority of Australians are struggling with cost of living rises, rising house prices and falling standards of living but they are also having to contend with the rising violent crime, home invasions, car thefts and daylight robbery by criminals who don't follow the laws POLITICIANS make. Things are only going to get worse and these proposed amendments won't change anything or improve 'public safety' now or in the future. The ONLY thing that will make a change is giving back peoples natural right to defend themselves with tools OTHER than their bare hands. I expect both of my submissions will be ignored and filed in the round filing cabinet next to the desk because politicians don't like the unpalatable truth. My 4 cents worth.

Yours sincerely
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