

## **INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE FIREARMS AND WEAPONS LEGISLATION (CRIMINAL USE) BILL 2020**

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It seems to me, having read the Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment (Criminal Use) Bill 2020 ( but not being a lawyer), senior and political police have been agitating again. While I fully understand the need and desirability of preventing criminal enterprise involving firearms, senior and political police need to understand or be forced to recognise, and take into account that the introduction of such laws almost never fulfills the intent, like the ammunition bill for instance. The usual results of such ill thought out legislation is yet more embuggerance to law abiding firearm owners and dealers, and negligible effect on any criminal enterprise. There is enough scope in the firearms act and regulation as it is, to do what needs to be done with regard to illegal firearm manufacture. Has anyone involved in the production of this abomination ever considered that the outlawing of "precursor materials" will prohibit the possession of all metalworking tools, and make all metal fabrication businesses into criminals?? All steel will be illegal to own according to the wording of this new, utterly stupid law. All law ought to be written in such a way as to limit its ability to be used in a persecutory manner. Most of the firearms act and regulation is designed and written in the exact opposite of this principle, and this new proposed addition takes it to a whole new level. There ought to be consultation with people who actually know something about firearms and their day to day use, maintenance and ownership, this precludes anyone who had anything to do with this proposed new addition to the firearms act. I strongly suggest there is consultation with dealers and non police gunsmiths and armourers and either delete this abomination or modify it to make it do its intended job without the harassment and persecution it is bound to cause in its current form.