

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

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I write to object to the proposed Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment (Criminal use) Bill 2020. The bill needlessly duplicated existing crimes and laws, while dangerously expanding the powers of police with a frightening lack of judicial oversight. The police have a duty to obey and enforce the law, under proper judicial checks and balances. This bill removes that necessary oversight and ushers in the vanguard of a police state. It also gives police the power to search and seize a wide range of lawful items, legally used in lawful activities. This is unacceptable. Send the bill back to the drawing board and include the requirement for all police activity to be subject to a warrant, and remove the permission for police to conduct no-knock home invasions. There is no need for such gestapo tactics when searching for illegal firearms, since police data shows they contribute a negligible amount to crime statistics. Further, any such amendments to the firearms legislation must be drafted in consultation with stakeholders and expert advice. This Bill has been mashed together by people who know next to nothing about firearms, 3D printing or CNC machining. It is unconscionable that medical legislation would be created without reference to a doctor or pharmacist, yet this is what we are dealing with here. This bill will affect millions of law abiding shooters, metalworkers, armourers and others lawfully participating in legal activities. It is open to abuse by police and should be scrapped. If you want to try and stop people making 3D printed guns (and good luck with that), the existing licence requirements and PTA regulations are sufficient to prosecute anyone making illegal firearms. There is no need to introduce such concepts as firearm precursor or allow no-knock home invasions.