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

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Dear Sir,

Having read of the proposed amendment, I'm concerned that it is not specific enough and could inadvertently punish Law Abiding Firearm Owners. I believe that the current laws already make it illegal to manufacture Firearms (as it should), but the reference to "Precursors" is too broad. I am a Law Abiding Firearm Owner and for the past 15 years have enjoyed both Target Shooting (Pistol and Shotguns) and Vermin Control (Rifles and Shotguns).

These pursuits have required me to perform maintenance and servicing on my firearms, not only for accuracy, but to keep them in safe working order. Simple tasks like adjusting trigger pulls, machining crowns on barrels, bedding a stock or manufacturing a sling to hang your rifle over your shoulder would now have the potential for me charged by an over zealous Police Officer who may have personal aversion to firearms. My personal belief is that we do need strict laws preventing the "Manufacture" and distribution of illicit firearms, but I don't believe we need more laws to effect those of us that attempt to do the right thing in pursuing our chosen sports.

In reference to The amendments to the Firearm Prohibition Orders, as a Law Abiding Firearm Owner, any person subject to to a FPO should be subject to search, if they are suspected of being in possession of a firearm, as should anyone who doesn't have a legal reason / permit / license.

Thank you for reviewing my submission against the amendments and would be happy to discuss this further, should you wish.