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**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 expanding the powers of police with a lack of judicial oversight. This really concerns me.

I recognize that this is precisely the intent, and remind you the the police have a duty to obey and enforce the law, under proper judicial oversight. This bill removes that oversight and ushers in the vanguard of a police state. It also gives police the power to search and seize a wide range of every day lawful items, legally used in lawful activities. This is totally 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 your own data shows they contribute a negligible amount to crime statistics. 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. Please stop harassing law abiding shooters with these discriminatory, badly-written laws. If you want to help, increase the penalty for criminals that use illegal firearms. Don't punish the shooters that are using firearms legally.