

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

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I do not agree to the legislative amendments proposed Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment (Criminal Use) Bill 2020

The changes would hind and complicate the already difficult process firearms owners have to go through

Sections 51J(2)(a)-(c) as they are written could potentially see a bank manager (for arranging finance) or a landlord (for providing premises) in breach of this section of the Act. Section 51J(2) is open to misinterpretation by police

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Section 51J(2)(d) presumes that a person takes part in the manufacture of a firearm or firearm part merely by possessing a firearm precursor. The presumption that a firearm precursor is possessed for the purpose of manufacturing a firearm or firearm part is open to misinterpretation by police.

The definition of firearm precursor is very broad and includes any object (e.g. piece of metal), device (e.g. screwdriver, electric drill) or any substance (e.g. lubricating or cutting oil) found in any residential garage in NSW. The definition of firearm precursor is open to misinterpretation by police.

and finally

The requirement in section 51K(2) compelling a person to provide assistance or information to police breaches the common law right to silence. I believe every person has the right to silence and should not be coerced by threat of penalty to make any comment, or to provide assistance or information to police without first obtaining independent legal advice.

so with this in mind, I don't feel that this legislative amendment has been consulted with firearms owners in mind and should not be amended. It should consider all people of NSW and not what just suits, to prevent singling out a group of people just because of misinterpretation