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

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To whom it may concern

My name is _____ & I am the Captain & founder of _____ A late
15th century Wars of the Roses living history group, I am also the head
_____ for several groups including the _____ & reconstructing
period Armour , weaponry & equipment for our groups in order to provide accurate &
affordable equipment so that when we perform for the public we are delivering a high
quality & historically accurate display .

An essential part of our performances is the use of historical firearms, canon & prohibited
weapons such as Daggers, Maces & Crossbows (all licences & permits are in place) & both
safety & a high level of member training along with public liability cover etc is an important
part of what we do.

As the manufacturers of Black powder & historical firearms etc are overseas, for example
“Old Guard” in Poland, the maintenance, including minor repairs to this equipment has to
be done by our own skilled individuals like myself,

It is also essential for our presentations to manufacture items such as mace, Flail or 15th
century crossbow as they are aether to expensive to ship to Australia or they are simply not
made by an historical manufacturer to a standard were they can be demonstrated safely or
at all.

Our concern is that if Bill 2020 is passed it will restrict the ability of our groups to
demonstrate a particular historical event accurately or to any historical standard.

Our organisations are in full support of firearm & weapon control in Australia but if Bill 2020
is passed we wish to at least have historical replica firearms & prohibited weapons for the
purpose of re-enactment or collectors be exempt in order to continue being able to present
our historical events & time periods accurately.

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