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

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**PHILOSOPHICAL FACTS:**

Given that facts and reason in Australia have long been replaced by political expedience's, I shall not bother deal with them – rather simple a few simple realities that affect EVERY citizen.

I trust that regardless of political leaning, that these quotations are prominently reflected in the outcomes of this review.

It is incumbent on all elected representatives to recognise the dangers of alienating the 'good' in pursuit of the bad and the mad:

***"Good Men need no laws, and Bad Men are not made better by them."***

***"With so many laws, Guilt can be found whenever necessary."***

***"Laws are State applied penalties for having committed an act. Thus, nobody is or can be "protected" by law or its agents from the bad and the mad."***

***"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."*** William Pitt

***"Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty, when the government's purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty, lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal. Well meaning, but without understanding."*** Justice Louis Brandeis - Olmstead v U.S. 479 (1928)

***"Tormenting generally law-abiding citizens with laws and restrictions is no way to curb criminals or the crimes they choose to commit."*** (PC 2016)

***"In proportion as you give the State power to do things for you. You give it power to do things to you."*** (Nock's Grim Truth)

***" The history of government is a history of resistance. The history of liberty is the history of the limitation of government, not the increase of it."*** Woodrow Wilson

**SUMMARY:****The Bill is Sloppy:**

Even this old civil engineer can see that the Bill wording is sloppy and open to interpretation – likely written by police.

**The Bill is also totally illogical.**

The Bill targets are people who already act outside the law. Logically then, this bill if passed into Law would make further illegal what is already illegal.

**The question therefore is:**

Given that “.... *Bad Men are not made better by them.*” Who then are the targets?

It might be convenient for police to want laws they can interpret and manipulate, but it would be another great sin for any elected representative to support this most dangerous, interpretative nonsense as the dangers to every citizen are profound.

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