

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

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## Proposed “Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment (Criminal Use) Bill 2020”

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1. Firearms are just a mechanical item, the same as a motor vehicle or any other piece of mechanical equipment about the home or farm. Most mechanically minded people like to work on their own mechanical equipment. So, if a part breaks and one has the skills, one makes a new part, or if one has an idea to make a part of that mechanical item better, they make it, and replace the inferior part.
2. Some firearm parts are unavailable and there is no choice but to manufacture a part for a firearm. Gunsmiths (Fitting and Machinists) are few and far between, are expensive and waiting time is great. The best job is the job you do yourself.
3. Many LFO’s who have been in the game for many years could have multiple charges laid against them if these recommendations become law, but the law would have no effect on the target criminals as they don’t have Shooters Licences.
4. Mechanical tools or machinery to make or alter firearms are the same tools or machinery to make or alter virtually any mechanical equipment.
5. **A person with a current shooter’s licence should be able to own plans for, make parts for and have parts in their possession for the category of firearm licence they maintain. (Excepting registerable parts, like actions and barrels.)**
6. The current laws suffice, all registerable parts require a PTA to manufacture, so there are penalties already there for someone who has any on these items in their possession. LAFO are not the problem but they end up being the scapegoats.
7. If these additional laws come in, has the Govt. considered the implications for LAFO’s who already have made parts or have plans for parts in reference books? Are these parts to be confiscated? Is compensation to be paid? What if the parts are fitted to firearms and have to be removed? Who is going to pay to have the firearm returned to working condition?