

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

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As a retiree with an Aviation and Engineering background, and a restorer of vintage motorcycles, I have over the years amassed an array of both hand and machine tools necessary to maintain my vehicles in a safe and roadworthy condition. I also fly hand made model radio controlled aeroplanes and gliders To enable me to make the parts for restoration and construction I keep a quantity of steel, and aluminium in various sections, along with a large array of fasteners as a few of my motorcycles are from the early 1920`s and parts are not commercially available , here or abroad. I am also a licensed firearms owner, and member of a local target shooting club. This proposed legislation, if passed leaves me in a position where, I either give up my hobbies, my Vintage motorcycles, Planes etc, not to mention the joy I gain from these activities and sell my tools,or surrender my firearms and license so as not to attract the attention of the authorities, and possibly attract a fine, incarceration or both, and have my firearms, tools, machinery and materials confiscated. I was of the understanding that very strict laws are already in place in Australia that prohibit the manufacture of firearms, and parts, and the distribution of same. I personally feel this proposed legislation, if passed will severely affect my leisure activities and I am strongly opposed to it being passed in its current form. The restrictions, rules and regulations imposed upon licensed firearm owners in this country would not be tolerated by any other sporting body, and I feel it is time that we receive the respect that we, as licensed, law abiding firearm owners deserve, and stop being regarded as potential criminals. The wasted taxpayers money, along with the time and effort required to produce this proposed legislation would be much better spent putting real criminals behind bars, with real sentences for breaches of the Firearm Act, instead of victimizing law abiding licensed firearm owners