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

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Once again it appears we have people drafting legislation that have very limited knowledge on the subject they are trying to legislate.. It is the reason so much current legislation is such a incumbrance on the population that have to live and try to navigate through it on a daily basis. I don't know if this is in response to police failing to do their job and not securing convictions in previous cases or someone's orwellian fantasy.

the following sections are particularly concerning

- (3) In this section and in section 51K—
firearm precursor means any object, device, substance, material or document used or capable of being used in the process of manufacturing a firearm or firearm part, including (but not limited to) the following—
- (a) moulds for making firearm parts,
 - (b) milling, casting or rifling equipment,
 - (c) digital blueprints within the meaning of section 51F,
 - (d) computer software or plans.
- (4) This section applies in relation to a person regardless of whether a firearm or firearm part is actually manufactured.

Given firearms a routinely made in third world countries with nothing more than basic hand tools every shed in NSW would fall under this section. Everyone who owns or has in their possession something as basic a file or cordless drill falls within the definition.

Under current legislation is it already a offence to manufacture firearms and parts unless authorized to do What is needed is proper enforcement of current laws and police properly resourced to do so,

If we continue down this path of more legislation every time police fail to win a conviction where does it end. Will there be calls for the possession of a penis to be precursor to sexual assault and it apply regardless of if a sexual assault actually occurs. Will possession of a vagina be classed as a precursor to prostitution.

This orwellian fantasy where merely possessing everyday items becomes a offence needs to be stopped. The focus needs to be on the enforcement of current laws not the creation of new laws that make criminals out of law abiding citizens.

Just the past month a local firearms dealer that has closed donated a lathe to the local mens shed, clearly they are in possession of equipment that can be used manufacture firearms and or parts. Just one of millions of examples demonstrating just how poorly though through this legislation is.