

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

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Schedule 1[3] "Quote"

The term takes part includes the possession of a firearm precursor for the purposes of manufacturing a firearm or firearm part. A firearm precursor is defined as any object, device, substance, material or document used or capable of being used in the process of manufacturing a firearm or firearm part (including computer software or plans). The offence will apply regardless of whether a firearm or firearm part is actually manufactured "un-Quote"

This is a very ambiguous piece of literature for several reasons.

Firstly, "Firearm part" is not defined. There fore it could be interpreted as any part attached to a firearm, such as scope mounts, Stocks, Sights, Slings etc,
All of which play no part what soever in the firing of a cartridge.

This legislation needs to clearly define Firearm parts as I believe it is intended (& currently stands) as parts which directly contribute to the firing of a projectile.
ie, barrels, receivers & firing mechanisms (Hammer & Pin)

Secondly, The term "firearm precursor" is again a very ambiguous term which could effectively be used to incriminate thousands of licensed firearms users who also have a workshop used for personal repairs & maintenance on any type of machine or device, not necessarily firearms related.

Any person or Tradesman with metal working machinery at home (Lathe, Milling machine etc,) is now in danger of having this legislation used against him without ever displaying criminal intent.

Criminal Intent must be the pre-requisite for this legislation to be applied to an individual & it is not defined that way at all.