Submission No 101

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

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I wish to record my objection to the proposed Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment (Criminal use) Bill 2020. The bill duplicates existing laws and expands the powers of police with a lack of judicial oversight. Sadly I think this is the intent, and remind the ministers that the police have a duty to obey and enforce the law, under proper judicial oversight. This bill removes that oversight and gives police the power to search and seize a wide range of lawful items, legally used in lawful activities. This bill needs to be overhauled completely by people highly experienced in firearms or disregarded completely as once again this only effects law abiding firearm owners. As it is already illegal to manufacture firearms and parts there is no reason to duplicate laws that are already on the books. Please remember that criminals DO NOT obey the law.