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

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Dear Ministers,

As law abiding firearms owner of 54 year I am very concerned about the inept wording and potential for abuse of the above proposed Bill.

I received my first gun, an air rifle at the age of 10 years, a Christmas present from my father, we were living in Young NSW at the time.

I was often asked by the parish priest to go to the church on weekends and dispatch Pigeons from the Bell tower. I would walk 1 Km across town with gun in hand and a pocket full of pellets,

My how things have changed.

I now own and operate a successful Engineering business in Sydney and maintain my interest in target shooting and the occasional hunting of introduced feral species for the protection of our fragile native environment.

Being an Engineering craftsman I have milling machines, lathes, welding, brazing and casting equipment in my factory at St Peters, for purposes related to my work.

I have also taken up the art of engraving and am presently restoring a 120 year old single barrel 410 shotgun from my house in Paddington.

This restoration includes gold inlay and elaborate engraving of various parts that may also require modification as part of this process.

Over the years I have owned guns that have worn parts that have needed maintenance.

I once purchased a used German Rottweil skeet gun that was sold to me by a local gunsmith, only to find that the gun was faulty and would on occasions during competition shoots and practice fail to cock one hammer.

After some Engineering analysis I identified that the cocking lever was worn and needed to be built up and hardened, processes well within my Engineering expertise.

That gun now operates flawlessly and has for 10 years. I also have a detailed parts list with drawings on my computer which I referred to during the repair.

I am very concerned about the nature of this legislation as you can see I am guilty of (a,b,c, and d) of sections 51 J and 51 K; and thereby liable for prosecution under the law, should this ill proposed and worded Bill be passed in its present form.

More confusing, ridiculous and ill-conceived is item (4) which states that regardless of whether I am making parts or not, I am 100% guilty, because I own the equipment to be able to make parts, yet another bureaucratic nail in the coffin of manufacturing in Australia.

You have my full support in your efforts at stopping this ridiculous proposed legislation.