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

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Dear Ministers,

I am writing to you as a licensed shooter and Law-abiding firearm owner.

I have significant concerns over the "Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment (Criminal Use) Bill 2020", currently before the NSW Parliament.

I believe the provisions of this Bill are too ambiguous and open to police misinterpretation and abuse.

As it stands, the Bill creates a serious threat to all licensed firearm owners and other persons who own and possess everyday tools which could now be perceived as firearm precursors used to make firearm parts. Whereas, such tools may be simply used to modify a legal and registered firearm for either competition or for other approved use.

The listing of "computer software and plans" is also objectionable. Most registered firearm owner like to understand the history and operation of their firearm. Knowledge of the action and operation is essential when cleaning and to maintain the firearm.

I wish to see the proposed Bill amended to protect the rights of licenced and Law abiding shooters enjoying their sport without the threat of legal action for simply operating, improving or repairing a competition, or hunting firearm.