

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

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My submission is based on my dealings with the FAR, As a result of a single-vehicle motor vehicle accident, my firearms were at my suggestion taken into custody by NSW Police. It was later found that I was in breach of the Firearms Act and summoned to appear at Court. I handed in all my firearms to Police and was summoned to appear a Court on the 11th March 2020. The matter was heard before a Magistrate and a 'truthful and comprehensive submission ' was made to the Court. The matter was dismissed under section 10., 1a of the Crimes Act. I went to the Police station and requested that my firearms and license be returned but was advised that this MUST come from the FAR. Numerous telephone calls were made to the FAR. ALL were met with the same response, Your matter is under review and you will be notified in due course, if you wish you should send your complaint/request via an email to FAR as per web site. which I did. I received an automated phone call saying there would be further contact. One MONTH later on the 30th March, 2020 I received an email stating ' My email had been received'. I have not had any contact form the FAR since that date. From the time of the offense, it took 7 months to get to Court. The matter was dismissed. It has now been 5 months and the FAR registry has not responded to the Court's decision and returned my firearms or my license. The Court was provided with a large amount of information as to my 'Good character, background, community connections, and experience. The offense was explained and accepted by a Magistrate. There appears to be a huge disconnect between the 'Law" and those running the FAR. The complete disregard for my civil rights, withholding of my valuable firearms collection, and the complete obstruction of me being able to enjoy my lifetime sport of hunting and firearms owernship..This has occurred without any consultation, no discussion, a debate of further inquiry. Under those circumstances, one would assume that the FAR is then relying on the Court hearing for their information? Why then have they seen fit to totally deny me of any action or information? The FAR is connected to the NSW Police Department and as such have access to all 'Electronic' records. Thus court result as available of the Court hearing. Why has it taken 5 MONTHS without action to return my property and license? Is it possible that the FAR has an OVERREACH of authority on our Courts? Without, correspondence, debate, or access to any part of the governing body? The FAR registry is operating in a manner that is obstructive, dismissive, non-co-operating, frustrating, and demeaning to people who have to deal with them. It is a disgrace The overreach of authority on our Courts is alarming, to say the least. I consider myself to be of 'Good Character and a decent citizen, however, the treatment I have received and continue to receive from the FAR is appalling. Thank You