

Submission  
No 192

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

**Name:** Name suppressed

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am making a submission because of concerns regarding the “Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment (Criminal Use) Bill 2020”, currently before the NSW Parliament. I think some of the provision in the Bill need to be clarified. In particular the following:

1. It needs to remove the presumption that persons who rent premises, supply finance, materials or equipment are involved in firearms or firearm parts manufacture. (Section 51 J (2) (a)-(c))

2. It needs to remove the presumption that materials and equipment are firearm precursors, where police have no evidence of firearms or parts being manufactured. (Section 51 J (2) (d)). I.e screwdrivers or any normal tools are not evidence.

3. Decisions to confiscate any equipment suspected of being firearms precursors, must only be made by police of the rank of Inspector and above, and only after careful consideration and such decision must be documented in writing to stop abuse of power.

4. Remove Section (51 K (2)) which breaches common law. You can compel anybody to give you access to your private information on their computer and especially not on a suspicion.

5. I would like all internal reviews of decisions involving firearms matters have to be completed within a reasonable, defined period of time like 3 months. Nobody likes to have a cloud over their name.

6. I would like it explicitly stated that licenced firearm owners in the of everyday items or tools, published materials and other instructional materials in any form, by license is not an offence under this bill and licensed firearm owners who have a legitimate need to make a part or minor modification to a registered firearm, or a firearm that is not required to be registered under the Act, are not captured by this Bill. For example if I want to change the sight of my rifle or change the barrel on my switch barrel with an allen key or screw off my muzzle brake this is not an offence under this act..

7. I would like section (51 K (2) & (3)) which compels a person to provide assistance or information to police to be removed, as this breaches the right to silence under common law.

Yours Sincerely