

**Submission
No 210**

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

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Dear Members ,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. As a lawabiding firearms licence holder I support legislation that helps to prevent the criminal use of firearms. Unfortunately, the current legislation draft has several deficiencies that are likely to cause unintended consequences.

The wording of this proposed legislation is too open to individual misinterpretation by police officers. Firearms are made up of many different materials and the proposed legislation says "firearm precursor means any object, device, substance, material or document used or capable of being used in the process of manufacturing a firearm or firearm part", this includes most tools found in a common household shed and common building materials.

I propose the following amendments:

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)).

Amend the bill to make it perfectly clear that (a) the mere possession of everyday items or tools, published materials and other instructional materials in any form, by license firearm owners is not an offence under this bill; (b) 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.

Thank you.