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

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Dear Chairperson,

Recent publications from NSW Police Minister have stated that the Firearms Amendment Bill 2020 is not about penalising Lawful Firearms owners in NSW.

However in the Bill there is no provision made for Licenced Firearm owners and users to enable them to possess tools and spares now legally held.

By example the amendment bill parts manuals, instruction manuals on dissemble cleaning and adjustments will be deemed pre cursors.

But the list of spare parts and even adjusting tools (many in fact common tools used on the lawn mower) will be cause for prosecution .

The Amendment Bill does not recognize the Legal Firearm Owner and users obligation to keep Registered firearms in safe condition. Nor does it recognize their need and current practise of keeping spare components such as optical sights and mounting arrangements for changing sighting set ups for different legal purposes,. An example would be putting a high magnification scope on a hunting rifle, when changing from shooting running game to small stationary game at distance.

In its present form the amendment bill is more suited to turn legal law abiding firearm owners and users into a new class of criminal than it is to deter criminal firearm manufacture in the state of NSW

The bill in present form will be an unnecessary attack on Lawful Firearm users and Owners such as our club membership.

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