

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

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Dear Chairperson.

I wish to submit that this amendment as proposed is an attack on civil liberties of Lawful Firearm Owners and when taken as a whole this bill is unnecessary and oppressive.

There is a good examples of public data that shows that home-made manufactured firearms almost never feature in prosecutions to any degree at all over the last 20 years.

This legislation is completely unnecessary.

Clause 51K (2) 51K(3) negates the common law right of a citizen to the right of silence , and this bill should not pass without this matter being addressed .

Clause 51J on precursors is to all encompassing and makes a Licenced Firearm Owner liable for prosecution for common tools and materials kept in most handy persons sheds.

Recent publications from Police minister proport this Amendment bill is not intended to persecute Licenced Firearm owners, but the bill does not specify any such intent to support the responsibility's specified in the "Firearms Users Guide" published and issued by his Firearm Registry. The user's guide outlines the duty of a licence firearm owner or user to maintain the firearm in a safe condition. It does not attempt to cater for spare parts kept for firearm owners , or in fact legal accessory's in possession.

Maintenance and repairs/ legal modifications by Firearm owners on their legal firearms, should not be impinged as is the thrust and intent of this amendment

Michael Hardes