

Submission

For

The Australian Senate Inquiry

Into

The ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community.

Specific responses.

The ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community, with reference to:

- the estimated number, distribution and lethality of illegal guns, including both outlawed and stolen guns, in Australia;

Response:

Nobody knows the number of illegal guns in the community , it can be as little as 200k or as much as 2 million, one thing is for sure , thanks to complicated laws and prohibitions, we now have in this country a thriving illegal firearms market that the police have absolutely no control over and never will . Police have seized on the streets of NSW in 2011 around 7000 illegal guns and around 9000 in 2013 and the number is growing. It cannot be ignored that gun related violence is almost always related to the illegal drug market, any further prohibitions of guns and any new laws will only hurt the law abiding and create an even bigger illegal gun trade . We already have many sophisticated backyard gun manufactures do we really want more ? Start relaxing some of the laws, it will bring down the price of illegal guns and make them less attractive as a trading item to criminals

- the operation and consequences of the illicit firearms trade, including both outlawed and stolen guns within Australia;

Response:

The only reason we have a growing illicit firearms trade is because of the laws ,the prohibitions on certain guns and the miles of red tape the law abiding have to go through to get a firearm, Relax the laws, There should be no such thing as an " Illegal firearm only the "illegal use" of a firearm , all guns should be legal in the hands of a licenced gun owner. This will bring down the value of illegal firearms and thus slowly start to kill off the illicit market.

- the adequacy of current laws and resourcing to enable law enforcement authorities to respond to technological advances in gun technology, including firearms made from parts which have been imported separately or covertly to avoid detection, and firearms made with the use of 3D printers;

Response:

I don't see 3D printing technology being capable of producing a significant quality firearm that functions perfectly for the mass market for at least several decades and at the moment industrial type 3D printers that can produce such products are hugely expensive and require lots of technical knowledge to operate. It is far easier and cheaper for criminals to manufacture guns in backyard workshops and to import them illegally. No law will stop any criminal from manufacturing firearms if they want to engage in such an activity anyway. Best way to deal with this issue is to encourage a positive gun culture among the community and for the law-abiding gun owners to embrace and educate themselves on new technology.

- the extent to which the number and types of guns stolen each year in Australia increase the risk posed to the safety of police and the community, including the proportion of gun-related crime involving legal firearms which are illegally held;

Response:

The only thing that increases the risk to the community and to the police is more ill-conceived laws and prohibitions that do nothing but create more burdens for the police and the community. The current laws and requirements of gun registration and periodical inspections put the law-abiding gun owners at risk, as there are way too many entities and individuals in the gun trade and police departments that have access to personal information of gun owners. This will only result in more information being compromised and guns stolen. Abolish registration and periodical inspections. Information to the whereabouts of legal guns should only be available to the gun owner himself.

- the effect banning semi-automatic handguns would have on the number of illegally held firearms in Australia;

Response:

Any such proposal will only hurt the law-abiding gun owner and would effectively destroy the sport. It will also raise the value of illegal guns and therefore make the trade of illegal guns more attractive to criminals thus creating more work for the police and increasing the risk and cost to the community as it has happened in England. Despite the agendas of certain political groups like the Greens, people who work hard and pay taxes have a right to pursue various hobbies in what is supposed to be a free country. The Anzacs who died for this country died so this country can remain free and people can pursue their life and interests as they wish without their lifestyle being threatened, even if others disapprove. Banning semi-auto pistols and destroying this wonderful recreational pastime and sport for hundreds of thousands of Australians is not a fair and rational argument. No more prohibitions!! We should be reversing the laws not making new ones.

- stricter storage requirements and the use of electronic alarm systems for guns stored in homes;

Response:

No absolutely Not. No more storage requirements, the current requirements are more than enough and in some cases too strict. Not everyone owns the place they store their guns at, and having a system like this would place unreasonable burdens on those who rent their place of residence.

- the extent to which there exist anomalies in federal, state and territory laws regarding the ownership, sale, storage and transit across state boundaries of legal firearms, and how these laws relate to one another; and

Response:

The bigger issue is not the anomalies but the resources that are poured into the various State authorities to establish and maintain the registers that govern the ownership and movement of legally held firearms across Australia. The registers are part of a flawed system that Canada and New Zealand have had the wisdom to disband; they contribute nothing to the safety of the community, nothing to the efforts of law enforcement to solve crimes as "criminals dont register guns" and bear a huge financial cost to the community. We need sensible , common sense regulation , not this complicated and over regulated system.

- any related matters.

Response:

Abolish the ill conceived National Firearms Agreement.

Our firearms regime should be based on a more common sense approach and more resemble the NZ model.

Disband all State and territory firearms registries , the money saved could go to worthwhile programs like medical research or improve mental health treatment.

Airsoft and Paintball guns and their related projectiles and parts should be legalised and re-classified as non-firearms. These items are not lethal , they are more or less toys, and are available off the shelf in department stores in other western countries. Any licenced gun owner who is already licenced to own lethal firearms , should be seen by the government as responsible enough to buy and own these toys without any fuss.

This will lift the economy and provide thousands of jobs in new markets that we previously did not have and that are also currently being enjoyed by other western countries like NZ, Canada US and UK.