

Dear Sirs,

I believe that this committee is going to consider banning semi-automatic pistols which they believe will solve the gun related crimes.

This is a stupid idea. Legitimate gun owners of this Nation have already been badly treated under the Howard Government when he took away our semi automatic rifles. Gun related crime and crime in general has actually increased since then. Look at your own Department of Statistics figures which prove that this is true. Do not believe the few anti gun spokespersons out there who have their own agenda and 'feel goody' crowd along with them.

We are policed enough. The idea of Government is to Administer the needs of the people, the police are there to see that laws are obeyed, and not to create laws to trap people into new ways by which to fine them.

Taking semi automatic pistols away from people is akin to taking away their automatic drive cars in the hope that the road toll will decrease. This idea is simply that stupid.

Please start taking the criminals off the streets instead of picking on the legitimate gun owners of this Nation.

With WWIII looming on our doorstep, you are going to need every one of us.

Regards

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