

Dear Sir

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to The ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community section E.

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

The majority of semi-auto handguns used in crime are not legally purchased but have been brought into the country illegally.

Banning law abiding citizens from owning these firearms (who have followed the law in obtaining these firearms so they can compete in their sport) will do nothing to stop crime committed with the thousands of illegal pistols already in the hands of criminals.

All this will do is make law bidding firearm owners very upset at not being able to compete in their chosen sport.

What is needed are harsher penalties to send a message that society will not put up with criminal behaviour. Law bidding citizens should not be punished for the actions of those that break our laws.

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