

Hi,

I'd like to voice my concern about the proposal which will be put forward about law enforcement and claimed gun related violence, as found at link:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Legal_and_Constitutional_Affairs/Illicit_firearms

At least 10% of seized firearms are "home made" according to NSW police. By restricting law abiding citizens or restricting imports will increase this to a larger number.

Shooting is a sport. Semi-automatic pistols are used in the Olympic and Commonwealth games, for which Australia is represented and actively competes in. By limiting certain types of guns, it is a direct limitation on a sport and recreational activity.

Current laws and policies (such as that for "customs and boarder protections) have plenty of methods of detecting imported (legal or otherwise) and are actively changing as types and styles of firearms and sporting equipment changes. There is no need to waste money and time on trying to implement new methods when over 10% of illegal guns are being made here.

There has been no true evidence connecting stolen guns to criminal activity. Theft of firearms is declining as many shooters carry insurance on their chosen sport, and to comply with insurance policies regular inspections of storage is carried out. "Stricter" measures are not required as its already law to have safes in place. It is a current requirement of the police force for each state to carry out inspections.

Each state has separate laws about the types and conditions of firearms. There is no need to re-write every state to combine into one giant pool. It currently costs a suspected \$75,000 per day (\$28million per annum) to run the firearms registration and database. Does the government really want to spend more money on creating yet another system which will take years to implement, time to write software, time to train staff and keep track of more than 750,000 firearms owners, and multiple millions of registered firearms ?

http://www.afr.com/p/opinion/the_unsettled_science_of_gun_laws_CQCJDQFe1NpKA517oJL8nM

There are more firearms legally held than before the waste of money spent on a failed buy-back scheme in 1996.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/australia-reloads-as-gun-amnesties-fail-to-cut-arms-20130113-2cnnq.html>

Shooting is a sport, firearms are a tool for work. More money should be spent on training and education. Training is spent on cars and driving ability, sexual education in schools and many other similar programs. Education is vital for the continuation of this sport.

As a business owner who carries an endorsed dealers licence (South Aus: 333089B) much of my business will be eroded if certain types of sports equipment is classified as "banned" or restricted.

The current leader of the Liberal party, Tony Abbott currently have a policy about growth in small business. Surely it would be a contradiction to go against one of the key aspects the current prime ministers objectives to help Australians, not limit them.

<https://www.liberal.org.au/latest-news/2013/08/19/tony-abbott-coalitions-policy-jobs-and-growth-small-business>

Regards,
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