In relation to 'The ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community ', I have the following submission

Is the fact that many, if not most, stolen guns have been from police and military sources being taken into account? If so, how will banning semi-automatic handguns for legitimate, licensed sporting shooters make a difference here? It won't.

The landing of illegal shipments of firearms from Indonesia will not be affected by penalising legitimate, licensed sporting shooters. Biker gangs will still have illegal guns as will many criminals.

We already have strict storage requirements and can be inspected by police at any time, without notice.

Your publication has a puzzling statement regarding 'legal firearms which are illegally held '. How can this be? if the firearms are illegally held, they are, in fact, illegal. Anyone can see that.

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