

Firearms – Community Safety and Sensitivities

Ms BUTLER question to PREMIER

My question is from Jonathan Simonetis of Dromedary. In 2019, in the aftermath of the horrendous Christchurch massacre, you, as the Minister for Education, effectively banned laser tag in Tasmania due to concerns for public safety and community sensitivities. In correspondence to Tas Laser Skirmish, you stated:

Community sensitivities following recent mass shootings and acts of gratuitous violence around the world are an additional factor. These are serious matters and the department has a duty of care to address them.

My question is: what has changed in your approach to community safety and sensitivities in relation to firearms from 2019 to now? Isn't this hypocrisy? Even with clear advice from the Commissioner of Police, why were you prepared to take such a strong stance after Christchurch in the interests of Tasmanians, but refuse to prioritise community safety now?