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I am deeply concerned at any changes being made to existing gun laws which would extend the range of guns available in the State or which would weaken the rules on obtaining a licence.

I believe that currently the laws adequately protect the Tasmanian public. I am deeply concerned that any relaxation of these laws would increase the risk of gun violence in Tasmania.

I lived on a Farm in the north of the state for 40 years before retiring to Hobart, and yes, there was need for a rifle to control pests and stop stock suffering unnecessarily, but there was not need for any automatic or semi-automatic weapon.

It is disturbing that there seem to be an increasing number of guns not registered and often in criminal hands.

The recent Four Corners program gave cause for even greater concern. The United States model is the last one we should consider following.

If there are some small changes that would improve the legislation then they should be discussed very openly in the community, but there has been no such proposition or discussion.

At this point there is no clear reason to change the current legislation so I ask you to continue to protect the Tasmanian Community. If at some time in the future the Police or Members of the Community suggest changes then there should be open discussions around the whole State before any changes are made.

sincerely
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