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To: Todd Buttsworth <todd.buttsworth@parliament.tas.gov.au>
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Dear Mr Shelton,

Thank you for the invitation to make a written submission to the House of Assembly Select Committee on Firearms Legislation and Policy.

As you would understand, firearm safety in Tasmania is very important to the Alannah & Madeline Foundation. Our Founder Walter Mikac has naturally taken an interest in this inquiry and has encouraged the Foundation to be forthright and persistent in our efforts to ensure that the Tasmanian government take the opportunity to lead Australia in firearm safety rather than bow to the pressure of self-interested parties and consider watering down their laws and regulations.

We read with great concern in February this year when the government firearm policy statement was circulated. It included several clear breaches of the National Firearms Agreement which all Australian governments, including Tasmania, have signed.

We were encouraged by the Legislative Council Select Committee Inquiry into Firearms Law Reforms and very pleased when the Premier made several public, and indeed personal, undertakings that Tasmania will never breach the National Firearms Agreement.

We are of course somewhat confused about the new enquiry but hope that our submissions assist the Committee to consider the impact that the proposed firearm law reforms might have on the safety of Tasmania's population, especially its children.

As Walter has said, we encourage the Committee to take this opportunity to strengthen Tasmania's firearm safety framework in order to respect those still impacted by Port Arthur and to demonstrate to all of Australia that self-interested parties seeking to water down firearm legislation do not reflect the views of 90% of the population.

The Foundation hopes that the Committee provides the opportunity for Walter or other representatives to address our concerns in person.

Our full submission is attached for your review.

Yours sincerely



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