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To: [Todd Buttsworth](#)
Subject: Select committee on firearm legislation..from B Walpole.
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Re References ...

current and future firearms licensing regimes, including training and testing, licence renewal, licence infringements and licence categories;

(b) compliance with the provisions of the National Firearms Agreement;

Its good to start with a narrative,,,as a boy growing up in Spreyton, my brother and I had use of dads .22, we shot rabbits, possums, the occasional wallaby, ages 10 to 15. Out friends in Port Sorrel has a daughter, she was at boarding school in Launceston (as we were) and she often told us how much she hated it, being away from the farm,lonely and often bullied by older girls. It often happened to farmers children, at the big smoke, from city kids. Then the day she was to return after Christmas holidays, she shot herself, aged 14, with dads 22, lying on the shed shelf, with ammo nearby. She put the gun up through her mouth, and used a short stick to push the trigger. poof..and her parents never recovered. Farm collapsed, mother depression, sister left school early.

All because of poor firearm storage.

Since the new national firearms laws were enacted, Australia is just a different place with regard to death and injuries from Firearms.

Massacres have been reduced to two (both family executions) and the extensive shootings of pre 1996 eliminated, because of these laws, particularly banning automatics, semis, a cooling off period, and proper storage

Once we (tas) deviated from these national laws, then the degradation will continue, sate by state, till we get back to the legal Chaos of pre 1996.

You will be aware of the recent 4 corners program, whereby a new entrant to the debate, the SIFA representing manufacturers, represents real threat, as previously, the sporting shooters had only a minor interest in disruption, and were financed from clubs, mainly

The entrance of a well funded, politically active group, trying to alter cooling off, licence timing, and introduce the Adler, will lead to the loss of many lives. Conservative estimates of up to 3000 lives have been saved (suicides, homicides, accidents).

Please consider there long term implications of any changes you recommend, if any

Best Wishes

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