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The Secretary
Select Committee on Firearms Legislation and Policy
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Submission by Virginia Daune to
SELECT COMMITTEE ON FIREARMS LEGISLATION AND POLICY
To inquire in to and report upon current firearms laws as outlined in the terms of
reference:

My apologies for the late submission, I was unaware of this development until now.

I find it quite disturbing that the Tasmanian Government would in anyway consider relaxing the current Firearms Legislation and Policy of this state to allow greater access to firearms, increased access to semi-automatic or automatic firearms, or an alteration in the one gun/one licence policy. It would seem that 22 years is a long time ago and the shooting of 58 locals, interstate residents and international visitors is no longer a reason to maintain the current control over the licencing of gun ownership, the storage of guns and infringement policy for gun owners. As a social worker present at Royal Hobart Hospital at the time of the Port Arthur shootings I can see no reason for my representative government to do anything that might again inflict that degree of tragedy and trauma on its citizens and its public servants – police, fire officers, ambulance officers and medical, nursing and allied health professionals. Martin Bryant, himself, stated he was able to access the guns easily, pay with cash and not produce a licence which equipped him with the tools for his subsequent activity. While legislation may not be fool-proof, after all random breath testing hasn't completely prevented drink driving but is anyone going to say stop breath testing, it is the deterrent value to reduce the risk of harm.

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