To the Secretary,

I am writing in reference to the Parliamentary Committee on Firearms Law Reform in Tasmania.

The existing laws were established across all states following a mass shooting event in an attempt to prevent such an event recurring. The law places constraints on ability to procure arms, licensing, and where and under what circumstances such arms can be used. It is worth noting that no mass shootings have occurred in Australia since that laws were established, while previous to that there had been one mass shooting every few years.

As a wife, mother, grandmother and a former nurse, I do not wish for firearms to be made more accessible, nor do I have any wish for the existing laws to be softened or relaxed to allow access to firearms that make members of the public, including children in schools and parks, potentially less safe. There are no justifications imaginable for lawful use of such weapons that would satisfy me of the benefits gained against the significant risks softening the law would result in. If anything, my preference would be further strengthening of the current laws.

I hope that this committee finds that relaxation of the current laws is not justified.

Kind regards,

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