

To: submissions.strategy.support@DPFEM.tas.gov.au

Subject: - Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025.

To Whom it may concern

Thank you for the opportunity to make submission.

I am the owner of [REDACTED] as your records would indicate, [REDACTED] as prior to all to when they were manufactured could be debatable.

They were purchased at Armitage Auctions Launceston prior to introduction of firearms license and could now be categorized as B7, as to whether I could purchase projectile and black powder is doubtful.

[REDACTED]

Finally, I have a firearms license [REDACTED] covers the required category but I don't have a "Form of Antique Firearms Permit" and the four items have not been made unusable.

If any of the above is of concern I would welcome the opportunity to correct.

I have no issue with any of the amendments.

I strongly disapprove of the state government's decision not to cap the number of firearms a citizen can buy. (four (4) maximum)

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Antique fire arms amendment .

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To Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management

Dear Sir, Madame

Regarding the antique fire arms amendment .

Thank you for offering a chance to respond

I would like to ask could we not simply require the owners to make sure the firing pin is removed when the guns are in a public place on display ?

If on display or on a rack this will inhibit the use of it since the parts to make it work will be out of reach

A display cabinet is a good idea since the firearm is better protected there .

If hardened glass is used it will prevent breakage and the cabinet can be secured to inhibit theft .

Some of these relics will be worth a tidy sum I think it best we do not destroy them but rather keep them with their owners.

I suggest registration of these is unnecessary

As for safety I see no issue unless it is a working .303 rifle or a Bren gun for example .

It would be impractical for a larger gun to be in a cabinet but it could simply fixed securely so it cant be removed and the firing pin removed .

In closing I would like to submit the following comments .

As an army cadet we carried rifles on parade during the week they were locked up in a armoury at the school I attended . St Virgil's College .

On army exercises we formed platoons and conducted exercises with blanks as part of our training . I suggest we look to teach responsible people how to handle weapons in a controlled environment . We really need to beef up our defence . It would be great if our army, navy and air force had civilian training as part of a national service .

The cadets were worth the while since it taught us to respect guns and not fear them . It prepared us for national service . I do hope the trend is not to make people fearful of a gun but rather to respect the power of it since they are a useful tool in the hands of a competent person in times of adversity when the nation needs competent people to defend.

Regards
[REDACTED]





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Firearms

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With all due respect why are law abiding firearm owners being punished for the actions of religiously motivated terrorist . This whole situation is trying to fix what isn't broken. It's like having a flat tyre and changing the oil . The government is addressing the problem of religion based anti semitism by changing firearms regulations. Criminals will always aquire guns and will always ignore any laws .

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Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this amendment. This is an excellent initiative. As a registered firearms owner in the great state of Tasmania, I don't understand the requirement for licensing a weapon which poses no threat to the public greater than a stick, wrecking bar etc. Ammunition would be nigh on impossible to obtain for a pre 1900 weapon without a firearms licence, once again rendering the functionality of the weapon useless other than a blunt force trauma weapon.

Kind regards

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Antique Firearms

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Good evening,

[REDACTED] They have been in my possession for many years and want them remaining in my family.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

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New firearm regulation

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I would agree as an existing firearm licence holder that the new law is in accordance with safety provision. Firearm ownership must be viewed through the lens of privilege rather than right and as such should be tightly controlled as much as possible to minimise risk to the community. All firearms should be safely stored unless they have been rendered non useable. If people want to display them then this should be the requirement.

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Antique Firearm Amendments

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To whom it may concern

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments regarding Antique Firearms.

From what I can see, there is nothing referring to **replica antique firearms** in these amendments. A replica antique firearm is/should be an accurate copy of an antique firearm, and although it may have been manufactured after 1900, the loading and firing mechanisms are exactly the same and the challenges in obtaining ammunition and black powder is no different. The construction of the firearm will also be comparable.

For all intents and purposes, a replica antique firearm is exactly the same as one produced prior to 1900 and one that is presented with the same challenges and restrictions as a pre 1900 firearm.

Would it be fair to suggest that these amendments should also include replica antique firearms, and if not, by what reason should they not be included?

Thanks again and regards
[REDACTED]



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Firearms reform

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I believe that the laws we already have are fit for purpose. This knee jerk reaction from the bondi shooting is not fixing the problem it is only punishing lawful gun ownwers. We all know its not guns that kill its the terrorist that wants to kill people. I beleive anyone on mental health medication should be deemed unfit to own or bare firearms. There are alread strict regulations on storage and reasons to obtain firearms. It all boils down to why did a known terrorist be aloude to live with someone with firearms and go to another country to train and not be investigated properly. I think albonese needs to be looked at for not doing enough when people were being bashed and the australian flag was being burned by islamic groups. Gun reform and this buy back scheme is a total waste of tax payers money for no benifit. It will increase crop failures for farmers and in turn make food more expencive for the people and futher damage the wilderness and not fix the real problem that is a religous problem. (look how well the machetti bins went, not so good hay?)

Regards
[REDACTED]



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New Firearms laws

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How about not doing this.

Anything built prior to 1900 should be left up to a case of informing the relevant authority weather it can be fired or not. If the owner wishes to utilise said firearm the and only then should it be registered and the owner needs to be licensed. These units are for owning and light hunting, no different than owning a target bow.

Better still why not repeal all firearms laws. Make it illegal for any house hold to not have a registered firearm on premises. That way people are protected, Crooks now know every household is armed and they then put other peoples property above their own lives!

We can have registration with restriction. We can have safety with education being at the forefront. None of these laws new and old are or will keep us safe! The Police cannot keep us safe! Only we can keep us safe.

There are always plenty of laws that can be used without the addition of more. We need courts with enough backbone to utilise what is there.

While you are at it why not help the people protect themselves from the tyrannical legislations that the Uni-party is slowly pushing through with the Tasmanian Police helping?

Or is it the policy of Tas. Pol. to put the heal of their new jack boots on the neck of those that pay their wages?

You are actually helping to send Australia into the arms of the Socialist regime.

Please contact me with any queries of how to correctly spend my tax dollars instead of listening to the Uni-party as they waste your time and my money.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Antique Firearms Bill submission

To whom it may concern,

My submission relating to the Antique Firearms Bill is included

Registration of antique firearms

I question the intention to register antique firearms in the proposed Bill for the following reasons:

1. Antique muzzle loading firearms are not used in criminal activities nor to harm other members of society. I believe that there have not been any incidents where muzzle loading firearms have been used to threaten or harm within at least 100 years, therefore not a threat to public safety. What is the need to expend Government funds to register these items if there have been no issues with them.
2. It is a complex process to load and fire these antiques, also the components required to do so are not easily obtained, additionally, condition and age will usually prevent any inclination to use them. There are many everyday household items which are far more likely to be used as a weapon to injure another person. Items such as a compound bow, a nail gun, hammer, screwdriver or other workshop tools, as well as any sporting bats or a simple kitchen knife could be used to threaten or harm others. Surely these should be considered for registration, rather than muzzle loading firearms which are most unlikely to be used for that purpose. I note there was a recent incident in Launceston involving a small hatchet being used to threaten another person, should such items now also be considered for registration.
3. Other Australian States do not require registration of antique muzzle loading firearms and have included that detail in their firearms legislation, what is the basis for Tasmania to proceed with this process, particularly given the probable expenditure to implement that process.

Licencing

The Bill as outlined is contradictory, with one section indicating that a licence will not be required for muzzle loading antiques, then other areas indicating that there will be a licencing procedure. I submit that licencing should not be required for similar reasons to those mentioned in my comments regarding registration. Muzzle loaded antique firearms do not require licencing or registration in other Australian States, what would the advantage of that process be to public safety, when there have been no incidents involving these items. Additionally, it makes sense for Tasmania to introduce legislation similar to other States, rather than proceed in a completely different direction.

There are other matters of concern relating to this proposal, however the two areas I have outlined are of most concern to myself and to collectors of antiques.

Yours faithfully

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30 March 2026

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27 February 2026

Submissions Strategy and Support Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management
GPO Box 308 Hobart TAS 7001

Subject: Submission – Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

Request: Do NOT require registration, permitting or safe-storage rules for genuine pre-1900 muzzle-loading antique firearms

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a Tasmanian resident writing to oppose the mandatory registration and regulation of genuine pre-1900 muzzle-loading black-powder firearms under the proposed Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025.

These items are historical artefacts and family heirlooms, not modern firearms. Requiring them to be registered, inspected, stored in gun safes (unless permanently displayed in a bolted rack), and subject to 11 new criminal offences is disproportionate, unnecessary, and directly contradicts the Tasmanian Government’s own February 2024 election commitment of a “light-touch, no-licensing, simple registration” scheme.

The 27-year exemption caused no safety problems Exemption No. 4 (1997–January 2024) allowed lawful possession without licensing, registration or special storage. The Q&A document provides zero evidence of any community-safety incident caused by genuine pre-1900 muzzle-loaders. The three misuse examples cited (pages 8–9) all involved breech-loading cartridge firearms — exactly the types the Bill excludes from the new “antique” definition.

Every other state treats true pre-1900 muzzle-loading antiques far more sensibly:

State	Licence required?	Registration required?	Storage rules?
New South Wales	No	No	No
Queensland	No	No	No
Victoria	No (qualifying muzzle-loaders)	No	No
South Australia	No	No	No
Tasmania (proposed)	Permit only	Yes + home inspection	Yes (gun safe unless displayed)

Tasmania would be the only jurisdiction imposing full firearms-style registration and police home inspections on 19th-century muskets and pistols. This is out of step with the National Firearms Agreement and common sense.

The Bill breaks the Government's election promise The 23 February 2024 commitment stated: • "no licensing requirements" • "only need to be registered with Tasmania Police" • "Owners will simply need to provide contact details... and where and how it is stored" • "100 per cent free" • Display rules only if the firearm is displayed.

Instead, the Bill delivers mandatory pre-approval storage inspections (identical to a firearms licence), full safe-storage rules when not on permanent display (p.8 "for the avoidance of doubt" clause), new offences carrying up to 2 years imprisonment, and future transfers through licensed dealers. This is not the simple, free, heritage-respecting scheme promised.

There is no evidence-based need for registration The Q&A admits it is "not possible to confirm the number" of these firearms (p.4), yet claims registration is required for safety. Pre-1900 muzzle-loaders are slow to load, require hard-to-obtain black powder, and are far less practical for crime than any modern firearm. No Tasmanian or national statistics show these antiques contributing to crime.

Practical and heritage harm Collectors, re-enactors, museums and families will face unnecessary bureaucracy and the risk of surrendering irreplaceable historical pieces. Many antiques are already deactivated or incapable of safe firing — treating them as "firearms" is illogical.

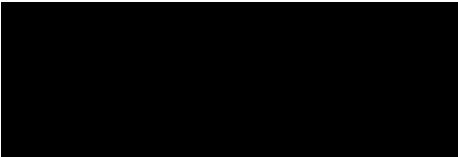
I respectfully request that the Bill be amended (or a new exemption inserted) so that:

- Genuine pre-1900 muzzle-loading black-powder firearms remain completely exempt from registration, permitting, storage rules and new offences — exactly as in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia; or
- If minimal oversight is preferred, registration be made voluntary via simple online self-declaration with no home inspection or safe-storage mandate.

Thank you for considering this submission. I am happy to provide further information if required and request that my submission be published on the Department's website in accordance with the public submissions policy.

Yours sincerely,

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02/04/2026

Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

Submission to consultation process:

I would suggest that the definition of antique firearm needs to be clarified, as it currently appears to include cannons and field artillery, which for the most part are in public places, such as parks and RSLs. If they are not exempt from this act, then will RSLs, councils and the state government be expected to apply for permits and store as required by the act.

I would also suggest that rather than a blanket definition of antique firearms being defined as being manufactured before 1900, the definition of antique firearms should differentiate between those manufactured prior to 1860, when lever action rifles were first developed and those manufactured after 1860. The cutoff of 1900 allowed firearms such as Boer War era Mausers and .303s, for which ammunition is commercially available, and which look modern in design, to be covered by Exemption No. 4 of the *Firearms Act 1996*. Firearms manufactured before 1860 are obviously antiques in their design, and ammunition for such firearms is not commercially available. I would therefore recommend that the possession and sale of pre 1860 firearms be exempt from requiring a permit or license and/or registration under the *Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025*.

I would further suggest that the sale of pre 1860 antique firearms be limited to legitimate commercial establishments and to accredited antique dealers.

Section 10 does not appear to provide scope for museum or other institutions to hold and display antique firearms, as the requirement appears to lie with individuals only.

I wish to also register my disappointment that antique dealers, in particular Australian Antique and Art Dealers Association (AAADA), which is the only professional body representing antique dealers in Australia, were not involved in the initial consultation process, prior to it being opened for public consultation, particularly after I discussed this issue with Guy Barnett. After a phone call with a staff member from the Police Minister's office, I had assumed that I would be invited to be part of the consultation process. Instead I was notified by an auctioneer in Launceston about the proposed legislation and the public consultation process and period.

In future, I would recommend that any changes to legislation affecting the ownership and/or sale of antique firearms should involve the AAADA as the peak body representing antique dealers in Australia.





TASMANIAN PISTOL ASSOCIATION

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27th February 2026

Submission to the Tasmanian Government

Proposed Amendments – Supporting Tasmanians Who Own Antique Firearms

On behalf of the Tasmanian Pistol Association

Date: 27th February 2026

Submitted to: submissions.strategy.support@DPFEM.tas.gov.au

1. Introduction

The Tasmanian Pistol Association (TPA) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments relating to antique firearms.

The Association represents law-abiding licensed firearm owners across Tasmania and is committed to promoting responsible firearm ownership, strong regulatory compliance, and public safety.

We acknowledge the Government's stated objective under the 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future to keep Tasmanians safe from firearms crime while supporting lawful firearms owners. In principle, the proposed amendments appear to seek an appropriate balance between these objectives.

2. General Position

The Tasmanian Pistol Association broadly supports the intent of the proposed amendments.

We consider that genuine antique firearms — being those manufactured prior to 1 January 1900 and not designed to discharge, nor capable of discharging, cartridge or breech-loaded ammunition — are fundamentally historical artefacts rather than modern functional firearms.

The proposed framework recognises this distinction while retaining appropriate oversight mechanisms.

3. Positive Elements of the Proposal

3.1 Clear Historical Definition

The use of 1 January 1900 as a cut-off date provides legal clarity and aligns with long-standing historical classifications used in other jurisdictions.

3.2 Recognition of Non-Operational Status

Restricting eligibility to firearms that are not designed to discharge and not capable of discharging cartridge ammunition appropriately limits the scope of the amendments to low-risk items.

3.3 Proportionate Regulatory Approach

The removal of licensing and firearms safety course requirements for non-operational antique firearms is proportionate to the risk profile of these items.

3.4 Free and Simple Registration

A no-cost streamlined registration process encourages compliance and supports transparency without imposing unnecessary financial burden.

3.5 Clear Pathway for Operational Use

The requirement that any antique firearm intended for use must be registered against a firearms licence and appropriate category under the Firearms Act 1997 maintains the integrity of the broader regulatory framework.

This is an important safeguard and is supported.

4. Matters for Clarification and Consideration

While supportive in principle, the Association respectfully submits that several areas would benefit from clarification to ensure consistent and practical implementation.

4.1 Determination of “Not Capable of Discharging”

Further guidance is recommended regarding:

- The process for determining whether a firearm is “not capable” of discharge.
- Whether certification or inspection will be required.
- Whether the owner declaration is sufficient; and
- What evidentiary standard will apply?

Clear administrative guidance will reduce ambiguity and ensure consistent application across the State.

4.2 Storage Requirements When Not Displayed

The proposal indicates that when not displayed, Section 84 of the Firearms Act 1996 applies.

Clarification is requested as to whether full contemporary storage requirements are intended to apply to antique firearms that are mechanically incapable of discharge.

The Association suggests consideration be given to a proportionate storage approach reflecting the non-operational nature of qualifying antique firearms.

4.3 Transitional Arrangements

It would be beneficial to clarify:

- Whether an amnesty or transitional registration period will be provided.
- The timeframe for compliance; and
- How currently unregistered antique firearms will be treated during transition.

Providing a reasonable transition period will promote voluntary compliance and reduce unintended non-compliance.

4.4 Safeguards Against Reactivation

While antique firearms meeting the proposed definition present minimal risk, the legislation should clearly prohibit unlawful modification or reactivation.

Explicit offences relating to converting or altering antique firearms to operational status would strengthen community confidence in the framework.

5. Overall Assessment

The Tasmanian Pistol Association considers the proposed amendments to be a measured and proportionate reform that:

- Recognises the historical and collectible nature of antique firearms.
- Reduces unnecessary regulatory burden.
- Encourages transparency through registration; and
- Maintains appropriate safeguards where operational use is intended.

With clear administrative guidance and reasonable transitional provisions, the amendments are likely to improve compliance outcomes while maintaining Tasmania's strong public safety framework.

6. Conclusion

The Tasmanian Pistol Association supports the intent of the proposed amendments and appreciates the Government's recognition of responsible firearm ownership within Tasmania.

We respectfully request that the matters outlined above be considered to ensure clarity, proportionality, and effective implementation.

The Association remains available to engage constructively with the Government and Tasmania Police during the refinement and implementation of these amendments.

Submitted on behalf of:

Tasmanian Pistol Association

[REDACTED]

President

[REDACTED]

Submission on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

As a collector of antique firearms for 50 years, I believe that, overall, the proposed changes are both welcome and eminently sensible. In particular, I welcome the decision to introduce a no-cost permit system which will cover many antique firearms. I believe the majority of collectors will embrace this initiative.

However, I am concerned that the permit system excludes one important class of collectable antique handgun, namely 45 calibre Colts (and similar makes) which date from the middle 1800s and are often the centrepiece of collections. These guns are both historically significant and valuable. While I accept that these guns may fire modern ammunition, the majority of collectors have no such interest. Their interest is in their design and collectability, not fireability.

Given this, I would recommend the government consider one of the following alternatives:

- (a) The introduction of a grandfather clause that would enable collectors to retain existing weapons that fall outside the scope of the proposed permit system under current storage conditions; or
- (b) Enable them to retain such weapons under a Firearms Licence, without having to undertake a Firearms Training Course or other ongoing eligibility requirements. It is proposed that such a licence have the same requirements as guns registered under a permit system (no cost and no need to reapply for the licence).

By way of background, I would like to offer the following. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. The collection was started by my late father. Over the years, we have held both collecting and dealer's licences in Tasmania. Individually I have held firearms and collecting licences in other states, including Qld, WA and NSW. None of the antique weapons have been fired while in our possession.

When I returned to Tasmania in 2022, I disposed of all weapons (rifles, shotguns and one antique pistol) that I believed would require me to obtain a new gun licence in Tasmania. I wanted to focus solely on the antique handguns without having to apply for a new licence, undertake a Firearms Safety Course, or satisfy other ongoing eligibility requirements. I believe the Commissioner of Police should have the flexibility to grant antique collecting licences covering weapons that fall outside of the proposed permit system without requiring applicants to meet such requirements.

I believe that the proposed relaxation of storage requirements to allow guns held under a permit system to be displayed is a positive change. As a young boy I recall my father's collection being on open display in our house. It was a popular talking point among visitors.

I am happy to discuss this further, if required.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

March 23, 2026.

Submission relating to proposed antique firearms regulations

20/3/26

Nowhere in the rest of Australia - and, to the best of my knowledge, nowhere else in the world, are such stringent and restrictive regulations placed on the private ownership of antique muzzle loading firearms as those you propose.

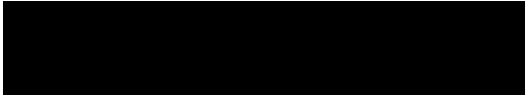
This is for a very good reason. That is because they do not present any threat or danger to public safety. Investigation will show the complete lack of crime on record committed with them for at least the last 100 years, and probably much longer.

Another consideration is that these antiques are part of our heritage, but as well as having historical value, they also have considerable financial value. This will be adversely affected quite considerably if they are regulated as you propose.

Is the Government also proposing a buy back scheme for them? People who collect them have often done so as a form of retirement investment and stand to lose a lot of their value if this goes ahead as proposed.

It seems only fair that they should be recompensed for their loss.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Shepherdson



REGARDING THE ANTIQUE FIREARMS

AMENDMENT BILL

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I

LIFE MEMBER OF 'ARMS COLLECTORS GUILD OF TAS

DO STATE THAT I SUPPORT THE CURRENT PROPOSED ^{BILL} TO BE MADE PERMANENT & NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OR ANY SINGLE PERSON WITHOUT PROPER CONSULTATION WITH A DELEGATION FROM FIREARM LICENSE HOLDERS & ASSOCIATED HUNTING CLUBS / ORGANISATIONS.

ALSO FOR CURRENT FIREARM LICENSE HOLDERS WITH RELEVANT CATEGORIES THERE SHOULD BE NIL COST, PERMIT TO ACQUIRE PAPERWORK FOR PURCHASING ANTIQUE FIREARMS EXCEPT FOR DEALER COSTS, AS LONG AS REQUIRED DETAILS ARE SENT TO FIREARMS REGISTRY.

WITH KIND REGARDS

10 March 2026

Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025 Submission

Thank you for the invitation to make comment on the proposed Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025, my submission is included herein. I have addressed the points of concern from the Government Brief, detailed on the Tasmania Police site.

Definition of an antique firearm

The proposed Bill definition, excludes breech loaded firearms from being considered as antique, regardless of age. This would exclude firearms of that category which do not employ a self-contained cartridge, including several very early examples of matchlock, flintlock and transitional percussion systems which are breech loaded. Those do not utilise a self-contained cartridge with an integral ignition system (metallic cartridge) and consideration could be given to altering the definition to allow for those items.

Breech loading antique firearms

There is also a case for antique breech loading rifles without commercial availability of self-contained ammunition, to be exempt from registration, provided they are kept solely for collection and not discharged. This category has been excluded from the definition of an antique firearm, therefore would no longer be considered as antique within the proposed Bill. Consideration should be given as to how those firearms would be dealt with if the Bill is passed. Would owners without a current firearms licence be compensated, if they were unable or unwilling to undergo the process to acquire a firearms licence, and what would the cost estimate of that process be. There would also be an issue for licenced owners with antique breech loading firearms, what reason would be applied for registration of these, considering that ammunition is unavailable and they would no longer classified as antiques.

Licencing

The first point of the submission brief declares that, *“there will be no licencing requirements and no requirement to complete a firearms safety course”*. Point number seven is at odds with that statement by specifying that, *“antique firearms will be registered against either an antique firearms permit or an existing firearms licence”*. Point number nine also states that,

“once an antique firearm is registered against a permit or licence, it may be displayed”. The matter of licencing needs to be clarified as the brief is ambiguous and confusing to the reader. I agree with the former statement that there should no licencing requirements and no requirement to complete a firearms safety course. That approach is consistent with the remainder of Australia and most other countries, including the United Kingdom, Canada and European countries.

Registration

Muzzle loading long arms and pre percussion handguns do not require registration in any of the other Australian States, with specific legislation to exclude them. What data does the Tasmanian Government hold confirming that muzzle loading firearms are a threat to public safety, as validation for expenditure on registration of those items. The absence of incidents involving antique firearms within Tasmania and throughout Australia, demonstrates the justification for exemption from registration, based on the lack of threat to public safety. The exemption for registration of antique firearms has remained constant, despite the implementation of more rigorous firearms legislation in some regions. Western Australia is considered to have the toughest firearms laws in Australia, yet still permits the ownership of muzzle loading arms without registration or licencing. Similarly, NSW has recently implemented very stringent firearms legislation, without placing further restrictions of capacities, registration or licencing for antiques. Tasmania should align antique firearm legislation with the other Australian jurisdictions, by implementing registration exemption for muzzle loading long arms and handguns, so that there is one general standard throughout Australia.

Serial number allocation and antique firearms permit system

Antique muzzle loading arms were generally manufactured long before the use of serial numbers and usually without those details. The proposal to register these creates an issue of serial number allocation to those firearms. That procedure is not required in other Australian jurisdictions, therefore Tasmania would become the only region to implement such a process, complicating ownership and future interstate sales of antiques. I understand that registered antique firearms would remain on the National Firearms Register (NFR) for the life cycle of those firearms, despite being sold to another jurisdiction where it would not require registration. This would create a subgroup of antiques which would remain registered, whereas antiques from other States would not be subject to the NFR. This process would have a dramatic effect on the valuation of those registered antiques on the NFR against those which were not. The exemption of muzzle loading arms from registration, would negate the requirement to initialize a serial number system and allocate serial numbers to firearms of that category. This would also remove the requirement to establish an antique firearm permit system, thereby eliminating additional costs for managing antique firearms.

Summary

Muzzle loading antiques are not the type of firearm used in criminal activities, they require a certain expertise to operate and are notoriously unreliable. The proposed implementation of a system to register and initialize a serial number system together with an antique licencing system, will further complicate the present complex process, adding burden to existing resources. The cost effectiveness of such a scheme should be deliberated with consideration for this States' present financial situation, against the absence of any gain to public safety.

Yours faithfully

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Subject: Firearm Control Issues and Potential Legislation

I am writing to express my concerns about the restrictions that are imposed on collectors of antique firearms. As background I own a number of antiquities – all registered - that at some stage in the past were potential weapons, but not any longer due to their age and outdated technology and unavailability of ammunition. Most of my antiquities are at least 150 years old and some much more dating back to the 1700's and totally unusable. I strongly believe that:

There should be an emphatic distinction between unserviceable antiques and potential weapons.

Antiquities

In other words there are antiques and weapons and each category need to be treated with different controls. In terms of the antiques I make the following points:

- Antique collectors are interested in the historical aspects and wish to preserve old technology for future generations.
- Many, possibly most antique collectors, have not the slightest interest in any weapon that could be fired and wish to be distinguished from active firearm users.
- There is no rationale for restricting the number of antique ex firearms any more than restricting the number of antique clocks a collector might own.
- The question that needs to be considered is “How many offences have ever been committed using out dated flintlock, percussion or matchlock (hopefully no wind or rain) or similar antiques?” I ask that this figure (if it exists) be compared with illegal use of real firearms, and that should form the basis of the nature of respective controls.
- Any kitchen knife or garden implement or similar would be infinitely more dangerous than these antiques.
- Many of these antiques have visual appeal such as my flintlock and percussion antiques which are in laid with mother-of-pearl and are very presentable. In past times I was able to display these for general admiration. For the points raised in this report I strongly advocate that these antiquities be able to be on display.

I own an accommodation business currently being fully restored and many have commented that the intrinsic historic value of these colonial gems would

be greatly enhanced by the secure but open display of selected items. They deserve to be displayed for the enjoyment of others

I suggest that bureaucratic misunderstanding and willingness to impose unreasonable restrictions are the reasons this realistic right has been denied.

- These antiquities tend to be valuable and it is certain that owners would take every precaution to ensure their safety even when on display.
- Valuable policing resources should not be needlessly wasted on excessive controls on antiquities that in no way present a danger to the public.
- For all the reasons listed above I emphatically request that for these antiquities there be no need for registration or unreasonable restrictions on their display or storage. To adopt this suggestion would in no way diminish public safety and I challenge anyone to substantiate any valid argument to the contrary.

Potential Weapons

In terms of functioning genuine firearms, as with most concerned citizens, I support:

- Reasonable restrictions on storage
- Limiting the number of weapons
- Limiting the nature of the firearms. I do not support automatic or semi-automatic or high powered weapons for private use.
- Eliminating silencers. I do not support the use of silencers for private use.

It is difficult to formulate any argument to support the contrary view on these last two points.

In conclusion I believe that the points I have made are both valid and relevant to discussions relating to this matter. I trust they will be given appropriate consideration and I look forward to a sensible outcome. If further information is required I will be pleased to assist and may be contacted by phone.

Thank you for considering this submission.



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Australian fire arm ownership

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Hello

My thoughts to fire arm ownership is not about the numbers of guns but who has them?

As I have [REDACTED] and as a person in Tassy do I need this amount. Well 3 fire arms are from my father and not used much but have family history for me.

[REDACTED] So history again

The others are for vermin and hunting so all have a use and would I want more? Don't think so and this situation is a individual issue which would not be considered from law ownership level I would be leave but should be.

Who should be restricted from ownership? I think that has been said in the recent past as this horrible situation started from earlier this year.

I question the need the need to have firearms if you have migrated to this country from another part of the world or at least to citizenship has been fulfilled and signed off.

Any way many other thoughts but I be leave the number of weapons is not the issue and the gun owners with new laws probably will not stop this bad stuff happening.

Cause if there are nasty people out there wanting to cause harm the most likely will some how.

Just look at Vic and the recent issue with Moschetti attacks ? Still happening why?

Any way hopefully things can be sorted out for a better Australia and safe Tassy

Regards
[REDACTED]



Outlook

Opposition to Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025 changes

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To Whom It May Concern,

I write in opposition to the proposed Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025 currently under consultation by the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management.

As a responsible and law-abiding firearms owner, I take public safety seriously. However, this Bill represents an unnecessary expansion of regulation into an area that has historically posed negligible risk to the Tasmanian community.

Antique firearms are part of our heritage. They are collected for historical preservation, education, and lawful sporting interest. They are not modern, high-capacity, or contemporary weapons designed for criminal misuse. Treating antique firearms as though they present the same risk as modern firearms ignores both their mechanical limitations and their historical context.

The proposed amendments to the Firearms Act 1996 appear disproportionate to any demonstrated problem. Good law should be evidence-based. If there is no clear and measurable pattern of criminal misuse involving antique firearms in Tasmania, then expanding registration and storage requirements is regulatory overreach rather than sound public policy.

Tasmanians who have lawfully acquired and maintained antique firearms have done so in reliance on the existing legal framework. Imposing new compliance burdens after the fact raises serious concerns about fairness, proportionality, and respect for property rights. Regulation should be targeted and justified, not broad and precautionary without evidence.

Public safety must be balanced with individual rights and practical realities. Overregulation erodes trust between responsible firearms owners and government. It risks punishing compliance rather than addressing genuine criminal behaviour.

I respectfully urge the Department to reconsider these amendments and to preserve a distinct, proportionate treatment for antique firearms that reflects their low risk and historical value.

Responsible firearms owners are not the problem. Legislation should reflect that reality.



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Fire arms

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The gun Laws are perfectly adequate and fit for purpose.
You will not stop radicals and extremism.
They will find alternative methods of destruction .
Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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Gun laws

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The gun laws are good as they are .

You will not stop mentally il people committing atrocities, they will find another way to commit dreadful acts.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

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Dear Bureaucrat,

Thank you for your form letter asking for my thoughts on your bill.

Strangely enough, this was a bill that I thought long and hard about at the time it was proposed. However, not for any good reasons. It bothered me deeply.

This bill was proposed just prior to a state election, usually a period when the government has to pretend it cares enough to at least notice the issues normal people are facing. At this time, the rise in crime was becoming more apparent to the professional middle class that I am a part of.

Every week I was able to read about serious crime, like gang shootings, holdups and carjackings. No longer was it a big city or overseas issue, this was now happening in Tasmania and weekly. I was able to personally witness threatening anti-social behaviour from younger people towards the general public, vandalism affecting normal shop owners and drugged out ne'er-do-wells violently yelling or blocking traffic.

It was becoming increasingly obvious that the government did not have a grip on law and order. It was even more obvious that while police were doing their best to restrain the rising evil, they were being hamstrung by stupid legislation and worthless judges. The legislation was clearly written by people who weren't affected by the rise in crime, so its effectiveness didn't matter to them. The bad legislation was being (not) enforced by brain dead judges who were more worried about telling stories at dinner parties about what good people they were, than doing their actual job of administering justice and preventing crime.

So during this whole time, I was forced to see what actually mattered to the people in charge.

Antique firearms.

It was a massive slap in the face.

I don't know that I have ever heard of a crime being committed with a musket. I'm quite confident that should a ne'er-do-well actually get their hands on a musket, they wouldn't know how to procure the required items to load and fire it, let alone complete the rather complicated process of loading it.

I am very sure that fireable muskets, simply mounted on walls, have not increased crime or disorder at all in this state. Musket crime laws are about 200 years late.

But this is the current focus of the massive league of bureaucrats (Australia has the highest number of bureaucrats per capita in the world, yet we still get absolute slop) and politicians in office.

This bill taught me that the government (the ruling bureaucrats and politicians) don't give a stuff about crime, the country as a whole or myself. The best I can hope for is for the incompetence to get bad enough, that someone else is encouraged to pick up the crown in the gutter and rule with some degree of honour.

So while I found this bill very illuminating, it was shining on the darkness that is our leadership class. I consider this bill an attack on normal people who would like to own a piece of their history without having to fill out a form and have a stranger inspect their house. I consider this bill a perfect example of government incompetence, targeting normal people for normal behaviour while ignoring and actively protecting the massive rise in actual crime from hardened criminals.

You disgust me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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Antique Firearms

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Tasmania Police,

Re: Antique Firearms.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Although this category doesn't apply to me, my thoughts are in relation to the safety of the owners. These firearms should be disabled by a gunsmith, with a certificate provided to that effect and supplied with the firearms registration. Antique firearms were proofed long ago when powders and ammunition were not as powerful as today. Older firearms loaded with incorrect ammunition may have very serious consequences.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Nothing in this to cover replica antique firearms that cannot be fired and and were never made to be fired. They only look like old guns ie flintlock pistols made by Franklin mint that I was told and did hand into police station under current laws. The...

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Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025 - Craig Butler

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To Submissions.Strategy.Support <Submissions.Strategy.Support@police.tas.gov.au>

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I am a slaughterman i need my gun licence to work on killing all different animals i need [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] aswell. On certain properties.



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Why fix something that isn't broken . If this is about bondi beach then fix the immigration problem that is definitely broken.



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From

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Date Fri 27/02/2026 15:36**To** Submissions.Strategy.Support <Submissions.Strategy.Support@police.tas.gov.au>

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Dear Sir/Madam,

[REDACTED]

In regard to the proposed amendment, its is my opinion that the proposed amendments not go forward. In light of recent events and thefts, any firearm should be regarded as lethal. Any person facing a firearm or items resembling a firearm has to assume what they are facing is lethal. It is not discretionary and carries the full psychological and physical risk. To dilute present legislation and requirements for antique weapons for minor or intangible benefits. multiplies public risk. Alternative storage requirements in regard to this class of "weapon"as proposed are fanciful and illusory and not based on reality (ie: the Zegna trophy was in a strong glass case, but that did not stop determined criminals from stealing it).

[REDACTED]



RE: Department of Health response - Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

From Barrett, Tyson [REDACTED]

Date Wed 25/03/2026 11:37

To Semmens, James [REDACTED]

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Good morning Jim,

Have been trying to send a response to the address in the below email but they have been repeatedly bounced. Are you able to pass on the below?

"Thank you for inviting the Department of Health to review and and provide feedback on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025.

The Department acknowledges the amendments and has no feedback at this time."

Kind regards



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Sent: Thursday, 26 February 2026 11:32 AM

To: Submissions.Strategy.Support (POLICE) <Submissions.Strategy.Support@police.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

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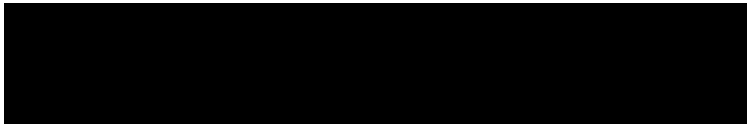
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"Antique firearms manufactured prior to 1 January 1900 will only need to be registered with Tasmania Police;"

"An antique firearm permit holder will be able to possess, display or store antique firearms"

It does not seem sensible to me that a firearm manufactured before 1 Jan 1900 is treated differently to the same model/make manufactured after Jan 1st 1900.

If a person possess an antique firearm that is capable of being fired then it should be treated the same as a non antique firearm.

[REDACTED]



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Antique firearms

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Hi there,

I wholeheartedly support the proposal as long as Tas Pol are supported well with any additional workload.

Cheers

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for reaching out and making me aware of the new bill put forth. Whilst I am thankful that it is relatively lenient, and if some imposition upon our ability to freely own antique firearms, firearms which can no longer be fired and are completely obsolete in that you cannot purchase any ammunition or propellant for them, then something as unobtrusive as this is preferable to something worse. That being said, this imposition on what we had before does make it easier to pass more egregious legislation that works to our detriment.

My chief question is "why?" Prior to the class exemption being revoked this was a complete non-issue -- if there is any evidence to the contrary, as a stakeholder, I would like to know. Why do we need to keep them in a safe or in an approved display and get them registered when the terms of the class-exemption had no negative impact on Australian society? Why not just take what we had before under the class exemption and turn it into legislation? I personally see no reason why the aforementioned should not be done, therefor I find the currently proposed bill completely inadequate.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]



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Re: Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

From [REDACTED]

Date Sat 28/02/2026 11:41

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for your email regarding antique firearms (Bill 2025). I do not own or possess antique firearms.

Kind regards,

On Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 1:33 PM Tasmania Police <internal.comms@comms.dpfem.tas.gov.au> wrote:**Department of Police, Fire and
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Black Powder firearms registration

I don't believe it is really necessary to register all Black powder firearms Flintlock and Percussion arms that are loaded from the Muzzle are an old specialised way of performing this act. However Black powder firearms that are breech loaded could except a modern cartridge which if fired could endanger the user damage the Firearm and any person nearby also Black powder is very hard to find



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Fwd: Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

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Subject: Re: Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025
To: Tasmania Police <internal.comms@comms.dpfem.tas.gov.au>

To Whom it may concern,

I thank you for being given the opportunity to submit the following in regard to the antique firearms consultation paper.

[REDACTED] and would like to display a pre-1900 black powder shotgun which came from a Pearce property in Derwent Bridge.

I own one of the original Pearce huts built on my property in the early 1900's. I have managed to get hold of a Tasmanian Thylacine skin which was given to me on loan from the owner.

This skin has been on display in my gallery for several years and is believed to belong to a tiger shot in this area many years ago. We have spent a considerable amount of money over the years on this display (10,000.00 per year for insuring the specimen) which is enclosed in a purpose built glass cabinet inside another glass cabinet to meet insurance requirements, along with security cameras and alarms. We also have a cabinet displaying images of the Pearce hut and various items related to the Thylacine story in this area. The gun was most probably used in the eradication of this animal at the time the bounty was being paid many years ago. The tiger skin and the gun are very important to the telling of this part of our history and should both be displayed side by side. We have built a cabinet with toughened glass and provision to secure the firearm to the back panel of the cabinet. The whole display is under security cameras as I mentioned and the gallery is alarm secured to our phones with backup generators and batteries.

The story of the Tasmanian tiger is a sad one and should not be forgotten and I believe it is important that our history and heritage always remain for future generations.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

On Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM Tasmania Police <internal.comms@comms.dpfem.tas.gov.au> wrote:

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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback as part of the Tasmania Police consultation on the *Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025*.

I support the intent of establishing a clear and consistent framework for antique firearms. My comments below focus on whether the proposed mechanisms are proportionate to risk and administratively efficient, drawing on established interstate practice where relevant.

General Observations on the Proposed Approach

The Bill proposes a new regulatory structure for antique firearms that includes:

- Mandatory registration of all antique firearms;
- The creation of a standalone antique firearms permit;
- Prescribed storage and display requirements; and
- Continued reliance on existing firearms licences where an antique firearm is intended to be used.

These measures provide clarity and certainty; however, taken together they represent a more structured and formal regulatory regime than that applied to antique firearms in some other Australian jurisdictions.

In my view, this creates an opportunity to consider whether all elements of the proposed framework are necessary to achieve the stated public safety outcomes.

Registration and Permit Requirements

A key feature of the Bill is the requirement that all antique firearms be registered, either against an antique firearm permit or an existing firearms licence.

By contrast, jurisdictions such as Queensland regulate antique firearms without universal registration or permitting for possession. In that model, antique firearms are generally exempt from licensing and registration, with limited notification requirements applying only to antique handguns. Importantly, public safety is addressed by regulating use and discharge, rather than possession.

This raises a question for consideration in the Tasmanian context: Whether mandatory registration and a permit system for all antique firearms provides a materially greater public safety benefit than a notification- or exemption-based approach, particularly for non-functional, muzzle-loading, or display-only firearms.

A more targeted approach may reduce administrative burden for both owners and Firearms Services, while still allowing Tasmania Police to retain appropriate visibility over higher-risk categories.

Regulation of Use

The Bill appropriately distinguishes between possession of an antique firearm and the intention to use it, requiring an antique firearm to be registered against a relevant firearms licence and category if it is to be fired.

This approach aligns with interstate practice and is a strong feature of the proposal. It ensures that any activity involving discharge of a firearm remains subject to existing licensing, training, and compliance requirements.

In my view, this reinforces the argument that use-based regulation is the primary risk control, and that possession-based controls for antique firearms may be capable of being lighter without undermining safety outcomes.

Storage and Display Requirements

The inclusion of specific display requirements for antique firearms is understandable, particularly where firearms are displayed publicly or semi-publicly.

That said, consideration could be given to ensuring that display and storage requirements remain practical and proportionate, particularly for:

- Privately held antiques displayed in a domestic setting; and
- Firearms that are demonstrably incapable of firing cartridge ammunition.

Interstate experience suggests that general safekeeping obligations, combined with use-based licensing controls, may be sufficient in many cases.

Suggested Areas for Further Consideration

Based on the above, Tasmania Police may wish to consider whether:

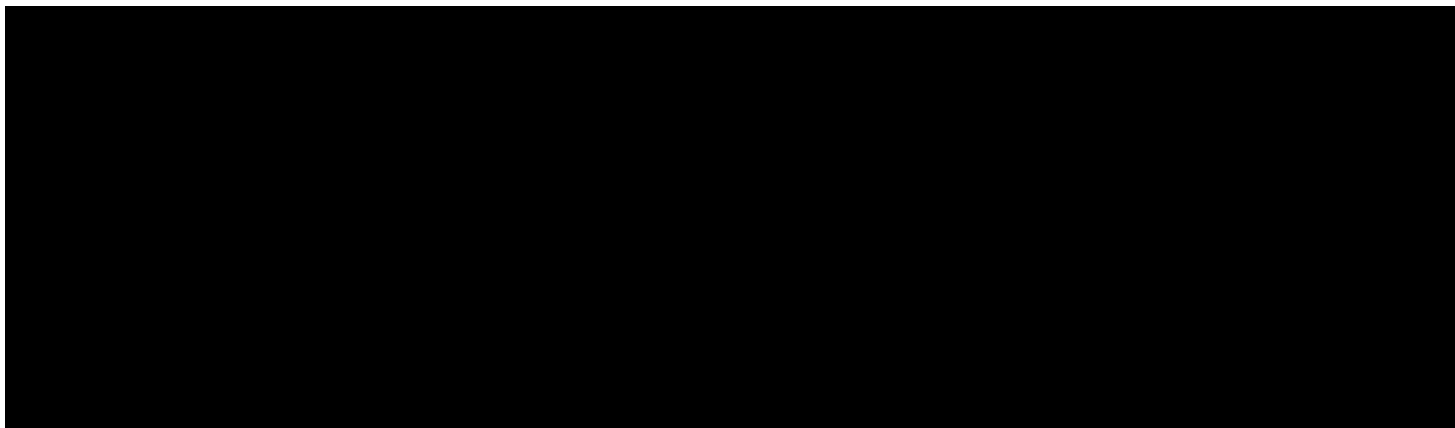
1. Universal registration of all antique firearms is necessary, or whether a more targeted notification model could achieve similar outcomes;
2. A standalone antique firearms permit adds material value **beyond** existing licensing frameworks;
3. Administrative complexity can be reduced without compromising public safety, particularly for low-risk antique firearms held solely for historical or display purposes.

These observations are offered constructively to support refinement of the proposed framework.

The proposed amendments represent a thoughtful attempt to clarify the legal status of antique firearms in Tasmania. There may, however, be scope to further align the regulatory response with the actual risk profile of antique firearms, informed by long-standing interstate practice.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and acknowledge the role of Tasmania Police in administering firearms legislation in the interests of community safety.

Yours sincerely,





Outlook

Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Act 2025.

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Hello,

Thankyou for asking for feedback. I have read the act and find no issue with it.

Regards
[REDACTED]



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Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

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To Submissions.Strategy.Support <Submissions.Strategy.Support@police.tas.gov.au>

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Dear Strategy and Support DPFEM,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the Firearms Act 1996 regarding antique firearms.

I very much appreciate the structure of the amendments and see that it strikes a balance between antique firearms not intended or able to be fired/used and those that make be fired/used. I agree that if the use of an antique firearm is to be enabled (i.e., through possessing ammunition), then it should be treated as any other modern firearm in terms of storage and registration. My only concern is that if, in the future, there is to be a limit on the number of useable firearms permitted to be owned by an individual (as recently has been enacted in WA), then that an inactive antique firearm is not counted toward that number.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Antique firearms bill

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Good morning,

I wish to have some input regarding this matter;

Whilst I do agree with keeping Tasmania's safe to the utmost... I do believe the ideas under the current bill are great, however, if the firearm in question is in perfect working order regardless of being manufactured before 1900 then why can it not be discharged? In particular in a controlled environment like a shooting range?? With due respect when you start engraving on a firearm that is antique my eyes it will instantly lose its value.

Our forefathers and fast forward to our grandparents in the great wars did the ultimate sacrifice, for us to be free and fight for the days we have today... even though they would be ashamed of the world it has become where the people running the country are letting in immigrants and letting them have a firearms licence then committing a terrible crime and then us proud citizens bare the brunt and blame.

Our antique firearms tell the story of a past, help educate the modern day, blind, news driven society of what was and is soaked in history. To be able to use them like my great grandfather did and have that history in my hands and then the chance to pass that down to my son, is priceless.

I'm just one person and chances are no one will read this... but if so... I speak for all us good citizens... we are good people.. we can't help bad people... but we can help you with the bad people.. and we cannot keep being punished with law after law after law, all because some foreigners keep being allowed to invade our country and way of life. We can't save everyone.

Thanks for your time,

Kind regards [REDACTED]



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I believe that all registered and licensed firearms holders are in general very law abiding citizens. The problem is the original legislation put in place by the Howard federal government after Port Arthur instead of creating a licensed system that would have given the authorities the whereabouts of all firearms they advertised their intentions and gave some individuals the ability to hide firearms. Hence today we have what are referred to as grey guns. Had they managed to get everything registered the authorities could have just seized all firearms not deemed required. I also believe that the storage laws and ownership laws are adequate in Tasmania. I hope this helps.



Feedback on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

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Victorian Police Website - info on pre 1900 Antique firearms -sent with Email 2026-03-29.docx;

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Thankyou for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025.

Please see my comments below.

Firstly I'm disappointed with the changes to the requirements for owners of "older style" or antique firearms that were made in 2024 (including earlier revisions) and feel similarly about the proposed changes in the latest amendments.

I understand the approach to tighten rules around the ownership of high powered modern fire arms - rifles, shotguns, semi-auto pistols and revolvers, following the terrible event at Bondi.

However muzzle loading, single shot firearms including flintlock & percussion pistols and rifles/muskets are an entirely different range of fire arms in terms of historical importance, use and the risk to the public compared with modern semi-automatic, lever action or bolt action firearms.

I would like to propose a change to Section 3 amended (Interpretation) of the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Act 2025

(Act No. of 2025) with a better definition, as a flintlock pistol crafted in 1960 would be a family heirloom in 2030.

Please see the additional words in bold red font below.

Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Act 2025 (Act No. of 2025).
Part 4 - Section 3 amended (Interpretation)

Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

(a) by inserting the following definitions after the definition of ammunition:

antique firearm means a firearm that –

(a) was manufactured **or uses a design from** before 1 January 1900; and

This would allow modern "versions" of single shot muzzle loading fire arms made after 1900 to also be owned by collectors and military history enthusiasts, with the same requirements and restrictions as weapons made prior to 1900.

I would like to propose a change to Section 10 amended (Interpretation) of the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Act 2025 (Act No. of 2025), part (c)

Part 6 - Section 10 amended (Acquiring firearms)

6. Section 10 amended (Acquiring firearms) Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

(c) the firearm is an antique firearm registered under Part 6B and the person is the holder of an antique firearm permit in respect of that firearm **or holds an appropriate firearms licence.**

Refer clauses (a) & (b) which state you require either an antique firearm permit or an appropriate firearms licence, to own an "antique firearm".

Finally some general comments:

- As regards requirements for "antique firearms" in Tasmania vs other states.
The relevant part of the legislation for Victoria, as viewed and down loaded on the 11/03/2026 states that single shot, antique firearms made prior to 1900 are Exempt Firearms and "there is no regulation or licence requirements to purchase, possess, carry and use exempt firearms in Victoria". Where the term exempt firearms covers "antique firearms" as described in Tasmania - see attached copy of the relevant section for Victoria.
Can we please update the legislation for Tasmania to allow "antique firearms" to be owned **and** used through a Tas firearms licence or permit similarly to Victorian regulations.
- The examples listed in the Consultation Q & A notes highlight the mismanagement and poor application of existing laws and are not reasons to change as regards antique fire arms laws for law abiding firearms owners.
A lever action rifle that uses commercially available ammunition should have been owned under licence with the necessary requirements, the same with the shotgun mentioned.
The offender who was involved with family violence "issues" should not own or have access to any firearms, modern &/or antiques and if the the dealer claims they were exempt (which was incorrect) then they need to be dealt with under the act.

Again I'm asking for fair treatment for law abiding firearm owners and not to have them penalised because a few "dodgy" characters do not follow the rules.

Happy to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
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Antique firearms

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Sent from my iPhone Amendment's preposed sound fare and sensible to me,thank you for your efforts in trying to keep us all safe.



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Antique Firearms Submissions

From [REDACTED]
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To Strategy Support <strategy.support@dpfem.tas.gov.au>

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Good morning,

I wish to comment on the following in relation to the proposed amendments to the Antique Section of the Firearms Act.

1. Proper Person Test

Agree that this should be a requirement in relation to the ownership of an antique firearm.

2. The need for tags to be fitted to the firearms.

Agree that this should be a requirement.

3. Capable of being fired.

In relation to this, my personal circumstances are that:

I have an Antique Firearm that is manufactured prior to 1 January 1900,

I have a current exemption for,

It is inoperable,

It is stored as per the requirements of a Category H weapon

It was manufactured to take cartridge ammunition,

Based on the above mentioned, it would be helpful to amend the legislative requirements to allow this type of weapon to be included in the Antiques Firearms definition and not put the onus onto the owner to obtain a firearms license for this category.

Happy to discuss further

Regards [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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Change to antique firearms

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I agree with the proposal the police have put forward. Thanks for keeping me in the loop.



Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed changes.

While in principle I fully support the registration of firearms, I fail to see clearly how the registration of antique firearms is going to “[keep the community safe](#)” or “[keep Tasmanians safe from firearms crime](#)”.

By the definition in Section 3 (amended), antique firearms are “[not designed to discharge and are not capable of discharging ammunition](#)” that “[consists of a cartridge case fitted with a primer](#)” and “[is loaded in the breech end of the barrel](#)”. Also - while not clearly stated in Section 3 - the new registration requirements will also apply to muzzle loaded firearms like muskets (and very likely also to muzzle loaded pistols). No problem here...

But - what exactly are the antique firearms that need to be registered? While I am not a firearms expert - I fail to see anything that fits **inside** the category of “antique firearms”. I am guessing that the intent of Section 3 (amended) is to redefine firearms like “[a 1887 Winchester lever action rifle, in calibre .44-40...for which “the ammunition was commercially available”](#)” or “[Bonehill 12-gauge, double-barrelled shotgun...using commercially available 12-guage ammunition](#)” - as non-antique firearms which have to be registered under the current provisions of the firearms act. This I can understand and I fully support this (if this really is the intent), but what does it have to do with the registration of antique firearms?

In my opinion - the same effect could be achieved by redefining firearms which have to be registered as any firearms which are capable of discharging projectiles (using propelling charge). Whether or not they are manufactured before 1st January 1900 is immaterial. If it shoots - it needs to be registered. I guess that the new definition provided in Section 3 (amended) takes care of this in a rather roundabout (but still very efficacious manner).

In summary - the proposed changes seem to include the 1887 Winchester and Bonehill 12-gauge into the category of firearms which have to be registered - and I fully support this. But the justification for doing so appears to be very convoluted and unclear - to wit:

“From a community safety perspective, it is necessary to register antique firearms and require safe storage and display requirements to minimise the risks of these firearms coming into the possession of criminals”.

Section 3 just defined antique firearms as something which basically can't discharge projectiles...unless I am mistaken. So - what is the purpose?

The National Firearms Amnesty 2017 resulted in 57,000 unregistered (?) firearms handed in. God only knows how many are still in circulation - but I would bet the last dollar that the criminals are not going to either register their guns or hand them in. I am also not sure that they are going to go to great lengths in order to steal “antique firearm” which can't actually shoot (unless the purpose is to sell for profit).

Overall - excluding firearms like the 1887 Winchester or the Bonehill 12-gauge from the category of antique firearms is the step in the right direction, but it could be done in a much simpler manner - not by redefining “antique firearms”, but by tighter definition of what needs to be registered. The proposed changes appear to exclude ALL firearms from the “antique firearms” category - so what's the point?

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I believe the antique firearms bill of 2025 is completely unnecessary, and should be abolished, that is all.

Regards

[REDACTED]



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Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

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Hello

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this Bill.

[REDACTED]

My feedback:

In general, the election commitment is out of step with community safety (in fact) and with community expectations.

1. It is a reasonable community expectation in Australia that all firearms including antique firearms capable of loading a round and shooting that round will only be owned by a person with a firearms license for the relevant Category. This needs to be for the genuine reason of target sports or re-enactment. The person needs to be part of a club and be assessed for character like every other person who owns a firearm. It seems that the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025 will provide that people who are unassessed for character, unlicensed for a firearm and not a member of a club could have access to a firearm which could cause harm to themselves (male suicide particularly) or someone else.
2. There can be no representation that the requirements for a Category License firearm are too onerous, as the process is not onerous - say compared to getting a bank loan or a driver's license, but merely a suitable state supervision of dangerous goods which is reasonable.
3. Antique firearms should not be able to be displayed unless they are permanently disabled for use.
4. Antique firearms should have serial numbers and their ownership recorded by the State.
5. A specific firearms training course should apply in relation to the maintenance, management and loading of the antique ammunition.
6. A specific firearms training course should apply in relation to the maintenance, management and loading of the antique firearms.
7. There should be no separate antique firearms license permit process from the firearms register. We need a national register for all firearms, not new separate permit register. A proposal to include any firearms in an off line register is entirely stupid and not in accordance with community expectations. It will be impossible to police that those firearms will not be made to load ammunition again.

8. A new Category of license could be made for non-disabled antique firearms under the current licensing provisions for firearms.
9. It should be an offence to have any firearm in one's possession without a firearms license and this is in accordance with community expectations. The Bill proposes a no penalty compliance model - this is very wrong and dangerous.
10. Restrictions on issuing any firearms license should follow the new licensing arrangements elsewhere in Australia which reflect - no association with a terrorist group - after the massacre at Bondi - this is a minimum community expectation. This is also why anyone with access to firearms must be character assessed and part of a gun club.
11. The ammunition provisions are completely inadequate. There are many types of ammunition which can be reloaded rather than bought - the Henry Martini for example.
12. An antique firearm should just be registered the same as any other firearm. I mean crossbows require a license and the risk is higher with antique firearms including misfire, maintenance and ammunition risks.
13. Display of firearms on a rack or glass case should only be for disabled firearms with a serial number which is actually manually checked by police.
14. There appears to be no specific instruction not to store ammunition on the display rack or glass case for antique firearms.
15. If the person does not have a standard firearms license then the ammunition storage needs to be by a person who has a firearms license, otherwise no ammunition should be permitted to be owned nor reloaded.
16. Just remove Exemption 4 and make antique firearms either disabled with a serial number, or if usable, licensed under a firearms license and stored in a safe like all other firearms. The argument that a firearm that can kill someone is somehow different because it is old is erroneous.
17. There should be a fit and proper purpose test. To suggest otherwise is ridiculous and not in accordance with community expectations. I mean how many people did Ned Kelly kill with pre-1900 guns? This Bill just seems to be a proposal to arm criminals. A collector is most often someone who otherwise has a firearms license anyway - have you determined the statistic on that - this bill is about convenience for about 20 collectors at great risk to community safety?
18. Duration of any firearms ownership permit should be subject to annual review - a doctor's certificate - for everyone. Things change in peoples' lives sometimes and this needs to be identified. This is in accordance with community expectations. There should be no 'set and forget' way that a person should have a firearms license nor any firearm.
19. Prosecutions should be able to commence immediately with firearms owners undertaking registration within 14 days. There are only 329 people who need to attend a police station to register their antique firearms? As there are 67 Police Stations in Tasmania, that would be one person per day for 5 days? So 2 weeks should be adequate? 6 months to commence prosecutions is just another avenue for the legislation to be ineffective.
20. *'If a person intends to fire an antique firearm, then they need to hold, or apply for a firearms licence of the appropriate category, and register the firearm for that category.'* : This is a complete loop hole and can never be policed on every farm, in every National Park or forestry area, and in every town in Tasmania. Just make the person who has a usable old/ antique firearm have a firearms license - it is a simple and available method of regulation, already in place and in accordance with community expectations. What is being proposed will not be understandable to the general community when some criminal has/ gets an antique firearm and kills or hurts someone.
21. On the issue of a gun being able to discharge ammunition, there should at least be a form or certification that needs to be signed off by Police and kept on the firearms register. There is no mention of any process for recording and certifying the condition and usability of the firearm mentioned anywhere. This is another loophole.
22. It seems that a new permit is being made, where it doesn't need to be. Does it fire or not? Is it old or not? Are they a reasonable person or not? Why avoid all these questions - just remove/

maintain the removal of Exemption 4. Why should those 329 people (and all the criminals who will use this loophole) not just register an old gun as a firearm, whether they shoot or not. I mean you probably talking about 20 people who are pushing for this. The Bill is on balance not worth it just for their convenience. The risk to the community through permitted criminal access is too high.

23. Why is there no cost proposed? I mean every single other public service has a cost - the cost should be high to deter desperate criminals who might see an antique firearm as able to be readily accessed. If a collector can collect the firearm, they can pay a fee.

Kind regards





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Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025

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I wish to comment on the above provisions for antique firearms

I am in very much in favour of these though think they may be a problem with such weapons as the Navy Colt (1847-1850), which is neither a breach nor barrel loader, but accepts loose powder and ball (or a cartridge containing the same) at the front of the cylinder plus a percussion cap. How would this be categorised as it is possibly usable and also a handgun?

The Queensland police publish a list of available cartridges and list no commercially available cartridge for this weapon.

<https://www.police.qld.gov.au/weapon-licensing/ammunition-availability>

The only other comment I have is that a weapon does not have to be capable -or designed to – discharge a projectile to fall under the Firearms Act. I think a better criteria would be if any ordinary member of the public with no firearms training were to reasonably suppose it was a firearm and capable of harming them. I note this has already been applied to some toys and feel it is appropriate.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Firearms

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I think sound suppressors should be legalised for the welfare of surrounding Annie's esp domestic animals and to reduce noise annoyance at nearby neighbouring properties esp in the night time when people want to sleep in disturbed by gun shot noise.

Thx

[REDACTED]

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Re: Firearms

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Also please see attached a thesis which highlights the good effects of sound suppressors

Thx
[REDACTED]

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On 26 Feb 2026, at 2:45 pm, Matt Fishburn [REDACTED] wrote:

Also please see attached a paper I wrote regarding the need for sound suppressors
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On 26 Feb 2026, at 2:44 pm, Submissions.Strategy.Support
<Submissions.Strategy.Support@police.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder,

Your consultation submission in relation to the the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms) Bill 2025 has been received. Thankyou for making a submission.

Kind Regards,
Submissions.Strategy.Support@police.tas.gov.au

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Antique firearms bill 2025

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Hi i just wanted to say that finally it looks like someone with common sence has wrote out the amendments for these old firearms.

Thats about as simple as you could make it and its effective.

I personally know people with this type of firearms and they have been handed down through there family for generations, they where from a collection of a family member that was a hero light horse man back in the days and also landed and survived gallipoli plus several other wars around the world before settling back in tassie. You can imagin there family was worried they would loose them.

They already store them with catagory A/B requirements anyways.

Another thing to is these types of old firearms also run on black power and you cannot run them on late model powders as they are not built to withstand the high pressures of modern powders.. black powder is something you cannot buy in tasmania, its deamed to be dangerous to transport yet every other state and teritory freely moves black power all over australia..

Thats another policy that could change, thay are rules made by some one who has watched to much pirates of the caribbean.

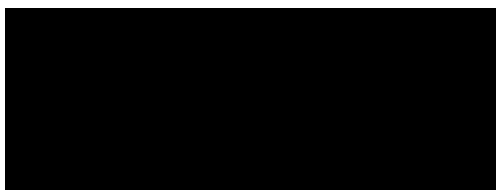
When was the last freight ship sunk due to gun powder going off in transport ? I cant find one single event here in australia or any where in modern times. You have to look back as far as Jack Sparrow and the black pearl days.

If is transported like any other dangerous goods product and packaged as per Manufactures Specifications . There really is no problem.. its just a hyped up ." What if it goes off" to scare the public to ban something they have no intrest in. And i bet who ever made this rule drives a EV.

Theres been more electric cars sinking freight boats these days with lithium batterys catching fire and exploding all around the world.. but everone is happy to board the spirit of tasmania packed in with lithium batters everywhere. It doesnt make sence to ban black powder freight.

Anyways well done on these amendments i think people with antique firearms will be happy with this.

Cheers for you time





Submission to the Firearms Amendment (Antique Firearms Bill 2025 Consultation Draft)

From [REDACTED]
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I have read with interest the Purpose of the proposed amendments Questions and Answers and the Consultation Draft legislation from which I submit the below observations and questions -

Consultation Draft

4. Section 3 amended (Interpretation)

(b) *"is loaded in the breech end of the barrel of the firearm..."*

Observation - one of my antique firearms is an 1800 Wheeler flintlock single shot pistol which required the barrel to be unscrewed for the charge and ball to be loaded with the barrel then screwed back onto the weapon.

Question: Does this contravene the above 4. Section 3 (b)?

99N. (2) *"If a dealer sells an antique firearm..."*

Observation - there does not appear to be any address as to -

(i) where one antique firearm permit holder purchases from or sells an antique firearm to another Tasmanian domicile antique firearm permit holder;

Question: Under the Amended Bill will antique firearm permit holders be able to buy and sell antique firearms to each other and simply notify / register the transaction with Firearms without the buy and sell charges of a firearm dealer?

(ii) where a Tasmanian domiciled antique firearm permit holder purchases or sells an antique firearm interstate under the Amended Bill there is no transaction procedure prescription.

This to me is an issue especially if the interstate transaction is with a person who is not required to register their antique firearms nor their antique firearms transactions.

Question: Will an interstate antique firearm transaction be required to proceed via a Tasmanian antique firearm dealer?

The after closure of submissions promulgation of - In accordance with the Tasmanian government's public submissions policy, all submissions will be published on the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management website at <https://www.police.tas.gov.au/consultations/> **is most disturbing as it will provide to the public details of submitting antique firearm permit holders.**

Regards,

[Redacted]
[Redacted]



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Antique Firearm

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To whom it may concern at Firearms Tasmania,

My contact details are [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Description of antique firearm - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kind regards [REDACTED]



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Dear Police, Fire and Emergency Management,

I am writing to express my view that Australia's current firearm laws are already comprehensive and effective. Licensed firearm owners undergo rigorous storage inspections, compliance checks, and screening, and our nation continues to maintain some of the strictest firearm regulations in the world. In my opinion, introducing additional restrictions on law-abiding, licensed Australians would not meaningfully reduce firearm-related crime.

The greater concern lies with illegal or unregistered firearms rather than those responsibly held by compliant owners. I believe that future policy efforts would be more effective if directed towards strengthening background checks, improving enforcement against illicit firearms, and ensuring robust screening processes for both firearm-ownership eligibility and immigration matters.

These measures would, in my view, enhance public safety without placing unnecessary burdens on responsible licence holders. Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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Dear Strategy and Support Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed amendments.

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While I am not an active or frequent firearms user, I value the opportunity to pass on basic, responsible skills to my children and, in time, my grandchildren. This includes teaching them how to safely handle a small-bore rifle, and how to humanely harvest and dress a rabbit or wallaby for food in a rural Tasmanian context. These are simple, practical skills that have been part of our family's way of life for many decades.

I support the importance of community safety and contemporary legislation. At the same time, I hope that any changes continue to allow ordinary Tasmanians to responsibly retain low-risk, heirloom firearms and to teach safe, respectful use to the next generation.

Thank you for considering my submission, and please include me on the notification list for future consultation matters.

Kind regards,

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Antique Firearms Bill 2025

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To: Consultations,

I was pleased to receive the invitation to make a submission on this proposed amendment. I have had an interest in Australian and colonial military history and technology for a number of decades. Originally I considered the Exemption No4 in 1997 to be realistic given the limited number of pre 1900 firearms in the state and the limitation on non commercially available ammunition. I saw it as a two pronged limitation; pre 1900 and non availability of ammunition. Should ammunition be available the gun would have to be registered. However it seems that the exemption has been too liberally interpreted by some owners.

The amending legislation only refers to what are generally known as muzzle loading firearms. Breechloaders are specifically excluded from the definition of "antique firearms".

In use in the pre 1900 Colonial militias were a limited number of breechloading rifles and carbines, ranging from Westley Richards and Wilson carbines in the early 1860s to Snider and Martini- Henry rifles to the 1890s. These used cartridges of the .577 or .577/450 calibres, which I believe would be impossible to now procure. The common .303 inch cartridge came into use in the 1890s and as such rifles of that decade and calibre should be registered.

I consider that the definitions of "antique firearms" should be the subject of a statutory rule rather than included in legislation, which would enable more specific exemptions.

Thus antique muzzle and breech loaders falling under the definition in the rule need only be registered and stored simply as proposed.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]