

Changes to Firearms Act 1996

Consultation submission

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How strange the Tasmanian government has “committed” to changing antique firearm laws before this community consultation concludes.

Indeed, it has already announced its key changes.

Changes that stand in opposition to the position adopted by Tasmania’s police commissioner.

The “balance” between gun ownership and community safety was struck in 1996.

Both major parties supported it then, what has changed?

The minister is placing powerful gun lobby interests ahead of public safety.

The gun lobby regularly makes large donations to political parties in an effort roll-back firearm laws around Australia. It must think it is on to a winner in Tasmania.

It is the thin edge of the wedge.

What happens if most submissions reject some of or all the proposed changes?

Clearly, they will be ignored.

Presenting Tasmanians with a *fait accompli* dressed up as a consultation is a shameful subterfuge and the antithesis of good public policy making.

It is time to genuinely consult with Tasmanians on this life and death issue.

For the record, I oppose all the proposed changes as they will weaken Tasmania’s gun laws, threatening lives.

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