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Dear Submissions at Strategy Support, Ministers, Attorney Generals, Senators, Independents and others,

I object to the Police Offences Amendment (Knives and Prohibited Weapons) Bill and on the Firearms Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2026 for the following reasons:

1. **Why the rush to push these bills through with an incomplete buyback scheme?** Again, it seems these "proposed regulations", like the Primary Produce "proposed regulations" appear to have been introduced at the same time as Tasmanian farmers and landowners were receiving notices of acquisition, just like the VNI West Project mainland farmers have as well. I find this fact interesting and very disturbing because the Marinus Link project (Marinus Link and interdependent TasNetworks - (19 May 2026 - Adjournment Speech - Project Marinus Compulsory Acquisitions) is slated to be indirectly connected to the VNI project where those farmers and landowners have very unfairly and unjustly received notices of acquisition, just as some of our Tasmanian farmers and landowner's have and I feel that is not a coincidence (Crunch time for Victorian farmers refusing VNI West work as forced access looms - ABC News)
2. **Despite existing laws designed to protect victims, systemic flaws frequently prioritize institutional stability or defendant rights over survivor safety**. Survivors of violence, trafficking, and human rights abuses face a complex web of **legal, procedural, and socio-cultural barriers** that often prevent them from obtaining protection, redress, or justice. In the Department of Police, Fire, and Emergency Management, there appears to be no recognition of women domestic violence survivors who defend and protect themselves from their abusers and instead of abusers being held to account, the women whom they abused are the ones who go to jail and/or they are wrongly misidentified as the aggressor or co-abuser, which causes unimaginable, untold, unfair and unjust harm to the women and children who are being abused by their abusers. Whilst I do acknowledge that women sometimes abuse as well, statistically it is overwhelmingly men who abuse women. This is why it is extremely important for all Australian authorities and institutions to fully know and understand DARVO and coercive control and how DARVO and coercive control manifests in dangerous domestic violence situations in order to hold the abusers to account, NOT the women (primarily) and children who are being abused by their abusers. (Tasmanian Greens MPs | Liberals Must Act on Family Violence)

According to **NO to Violence Tasmanian 2025-26 Budget Submission**:

"**Executive Summary**

While significant government commitments have been made to ensure Tasmania's families and communities become free from all forms of family and sexual violence, more is needed to significantly reduce and, ultimately, end these forms of abuse. We will not end family and sexual violence without a strong, sustained and strategic focus on people, predominantly men, using violence.

1 In the past 12 months there have been 644 sexual assault cases and over 5,600 family violence incidents in Tasmania.1 For those issued with Family Violence Orders (FVOs), there have been 1,225 breaches of general FVOs and 1,204 breaches of Police Family Violence Orders, representing increased risk and harm for victim-survivors.

2 Yet, criminal justice system data only captures a small percentage of family violence. Up to 80% of family violence is never reported to police.

3 Many people using violence, therefore, never come into contact with the criminal justice system. To end family violence, Tasmania needs effective, targeted and readily available interventions to promote accountability and meaningfully change behaviours of the thousands of people, predominantly men, using family violence in the state. This is absolutely critical for a Tasmania free from all forms of family and sexual violence.

No to Violence values the opportunity to contribute to the Tasmanian 2025-2026 Budget Community Consultation process. This submission is informed by consultations with our Tasmanian members, colleagues from the Tasmanian Family and Sexual Violence Alliance (the Alliance), and the Tasmanian Council of Social Services (TasCOSS). 1Tasmania Police Reporting Dashboard. (2024). https://www.police.tas.gov.au/dashboard/ 2Tasmania Police Reporting Dashboard. (2024). https://www.police.tas.gov.au/dashboard/ 3Personal Safety Survey 2021-22. (2024). Australian Bureau of Statistics. https://www.aihw.gov.au/family domestic-and-sexual-violence/responses-and-outcomes/police/fdv-reported-to-police No to Violence Tasmanian 2025-26 Budget Submission | Page 3 of 7"

4. Elder, sibling, housemate and other forms of abuse seem to be completely ignored in Tasmanian crime laws, along with those committing violent crimes against elders, siblings, housemates and violent crimes in general, like the 76-year-old man who had thieves break into his house, attacked the owner, putting him in the hospital, stole his firearms and set his house on fire. What is being done about that to help this gentleman? (Three men charged over alleged Coles Bay robbery and arson in which man had to watch home burn down - ABC News, Law Institute Urges Action on Elder Abuse in Tasmania | Mirage News).

5. The Police Offences Amendment (Knives and Prohibited Weapons) Bill and Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2026 "proposed regulations" seem very similar to the failed prohibition laws in the USA. It is interesting to note that in the peer reviewed study **Did Prohibition Really Work,** the author notes:

"All prohibitions are coercive, but their effects can vary across populations and banned articles. We have no estimates of the size of the drinking population on the eve of National Prohibition (or on the eve of wartime prohibition, which preceded it by several months), but because of the phenomenon of "drinking drys" it was probably larger than the total of votes cast in referenda against state prohibition measures, and many of the larger states did not even hold such referenda. So Prohibition's implicit goal of teetotal ism meant changing the drinking behavior of a substantial number of Americans, possibly a majority. Because the Volstead Act was drafted only after ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment was completed, neither the congress men and state legislators who ap proved submission and ratification, nor the voters who elected them, knew what kind of prohibition they were voting for.44 The absolutism of the act's definition of intoxicating liquors made national alcohol prohibition a stringent ban, and the gap between what voters thought they were voting for and what they got made this sweeping interdict ap pear undemocratic."
(Jack S. Blocker, Jr: **Did Prohibition Really Work? Alcohol Prohibition as a Public Health Innovation**, American Journal of Public Health **96**, 233_243, **https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2005.065409**)

6. **Who will be held responsible for guns and knives increasingly going on the black market as a result of these "proposed regulations", which will highly likely lead to increased deaths and attacks, like the 76-year-old man who had his house broken into, then was attacked as they took his firearms and then they burned his house down**?

Minister Ellis, I have asked you this question before in the Braddon Beagle (DO WE HAVE A "DO AS I DO" or "DO AS I SAY" GOVERNMENT? YOU DECIDE - BRADDON BEAGLE) after it was reported in the Canberra Times

'Police, Fire and Emergency Management Minister Felix Ellis said Tasmania is one of the most bushfire-prone places in the world." (Tasmania launches 'You light it, you own it' campaign | Canberra, ACT) and the question still remains the same. Will you be held responsible and to account, should the above happen, which I feel it very likely would, should these draconian, unfair, unjust and inappropriate "proposed regulations" go through?

7. Premier Rockliffe, as I am sure you are very aware, law-abiding Tasmanian farmers and landowners have been using guns and machetes for generations to do their work on their farms and land. I feel they have the God-given right and freedom to lawfully use those tools as they have done for generations and feel no government has a right to take those freedoms away from Tasmanians or Australians in general for any reason, especially when it seems or appears that actual criminals who are breaking the law are being intentionally ignored or turned a blind eye to and these "proposed regulations" along with the now scrapped Primary Produce "proposed regulations seemed to be directly and intentionally targeted at law abiding farmers and landowners who are NOT your problem.

8. Essential services in Tasmania (as well as Australia-wide) appear to be completely ignored by locbetworks, high voltage transmission lines, wind turbines, stadium in Hobart and equally unwanted and unnecessary Firmus AI data centres (19 May 2026 - Adjournment Speech - Project Marinus Compulsory Acquisitions https://youtu.be/8cAhNqvR4ZA?si=Is5rAuXXg-4ijOtM) and the Rushy Lagoon sale, which should have never happened here in Tasmania for any reason (Federal minister Julie Collins rules out blocking $100m Rushy Lagoon sale - Pulse Tasmania)

9. As a domestic violence and disability advocate, I actively call on the government to fully and permanently fund Legal Aid and all of the wrap around supports in Tasmania and throughout Australia regardless of who is in power similar to how the USA runs Legal Aid, which has helped numerous women and children escape abusive husbands or partners for over 50 years. (https://legalaidchicago.org/get-help/how-can-we-help/)

Therefore, I respectfully request that Police Offences Amendment (Knives and Prohibited Weapons) Bill and Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2026 be **permanently scrapped and binned, never to be asked again**, just as the Primary Produce "proposed regulations" ought to be also.

Kind regards,

Carol-Ann Fletcher
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DisliTasmanian Police Statistics on Knife and Gun OffencesThe latest Tasmanian Police Crime Statistics Supplement (2024-25) does not publish separate counts for knife or gun offences, but it does record overall “Offences Against the Person” and related violent categories, which include such weapons, along with clearance rates and trends.**In summary:** Tasmania Police’s latest public statistics show 6,563 recorded “Offences Against the Person” in 2024-25 with an 84% clearance rate, but they do not break down knife or gun offences separately. For that level of detail, you must contact Tasmanian Police or consult the ABS offender datas

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