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Good morning,
I would like to have my submission included for serious and valid consideration in this Amendment.

I used to sharpen knives, machetes, axes, chisels, secateurs and other woodworking, building, gardening, farming and fishing equipment for people who used these implements in their everyday life in legitimate recreation or to provide food and services for themselves and others, including people under the age of 18 who had little gardening and other businesses trying legitimately to be self-employed - for which they should actually be commended.

I was confronted via the internet by some anonymous person once who complained that people shouldn't be allowed to bring their knives to me at the markets where I had a stall set up to sharpen all these implements because "it was dangerous to have and carry them in public."

So I replied "How do you and other people get your knives, scissors and secateurs home from KMart or Woolworths when you buy them?" Typically there was no reply to that logical and sensible question.

So, with this as an example I hope you take that very seriously into your consideration about the sillyness of any changes that affect people's normal everyday lives, which have been in practice for thousands of years with no danger, except for a handful of people in all that time (who probably needed mental health or financial support for everyday basic necessity living and hadn't been able to get it for whatever reason).

They should not be off-handedly regarded as "prohibited weapons".

Common sense and actual historical statistics must prevail over knee-jerk reactions to one-off attacks using such implements. Do you ban fists and feet next?

Deal with the cause, not the symptom.

Regards,
Russell Langfield.

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