

FIREARMS ACT — REFORM — CONSULTATION

Petition

HON COLIN de GRUSSA (Agricultural — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [10.01 am]: I present a petition containing 105 signatures couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned call on the Legislative Council to urge the State Government to extend the consultation date for their proposed firearm reforms from one month to three months. This extension is necessary to ensure all stakeholders have the appropriate time to understand the Government's proposed changes and provide feedback ahead of new legislation being introduced in Parliament in 2024.

The Firearms Act Reform Consultation Paper is a 62-page document outlining significant changes to all aspects of the licensing and regulatory regime, including:

- A proposed cap on the number of firearms for licensed owners
- An overhaul of the property letter system
- The application of health and mental health requirements to hold a gun licence
- And various changes relating to the secure storage and safe handling of firearms

In the interests of ensuring genuine consultation with firearm owners, dealers, recreational and sporting shooters, primary producers, and collectors, we urge the Government to extend their consultation timeframe.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 2832.]