

FIREARMS ACT — REFORM

Petition

HON BEN DAWKINS (South West) [1.03 pm]: I present an e-petition containing 1 577 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 ...

Seek the Legislative Council's support in urging the Government to: 1) recognise the Law Reform Commission report that preceded these changes and the view of the LRC that; "the vast majority of firearms users in Western Australia are law-abiding and the Commission certainly has no intention of recommending legislative change that could make it more difficult for firearms users to abide by the law" 2) guarantee that no currently licenced firearm users will lose their licence simply as a result of the proclamation of the legislation and that as per the FAQ on the WA Police website 'all existing licence holders to be transferred to the appropriate new licence type'. 3) guarantee that all family members and business partners who have an interest in the land OR the entity that operates the farm OR operates the farm for a family member will be captured by the definition of Primary Producer' and therefore eligible for a Primary producer Licence. 4) guarantee that if a Primary Producer has clinical depression or clinical anxiety which is managed in accordance with doctor's guidance (eg. medication) they will not be rendered ineligible for a firearm license by new laws due to their illness that they have admirably sought treatment for. 5) recognise that Primary Production regularly involves a degree of situational anxiety and depression associated with drought, market fluctuations and business stressors and guarantee that situational depression and anxiety will be distinguished from clinical depression and anxiety for the purposes of the health/eligibility checks.

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

[See paper 2864.]