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## AMA TASMANIA OPPOSES ANY WEAKENING OF TASMANIAN FIREARM LAWS

AMA Tasmania opposes any weakening of Tasmanian firearm laws, including opposition to an automatic renewal of licences.

AMA Tasmania supports strengthening of current firearms legislation that prohibits high-powered semi-automatic weapons and pump or lever action rifles so that new or adapted models can no longer circumvent them.

AMA Tasmania acknowledges a legitimate role for firearms in agriculture, regulated sport, and for the military and police.

AMA Tasmania supports the principle of a "genuine need" to acquire, possess or own a firearm that is enshrined in the NFA and opposes any changes that would weaken this principle.

AMA Tasmania believes that proposed changes to infringement notices for minor storage offences warrant further investigation as there may be grounds for such crimes to attract a civil rather than criminal penalty.

**ENDS** 

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