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Dear Sir or Madam:

COMMENTS / OBJECTIONS AS TO FCA AMENDMENT BILL –
GOVT GAZETTE No 437 OF 21 May 2021

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The proposed description of the objective relating to the proposed amendments to the Firearms Control Act clearly sets the scene to disarm citizens' of their civil right to allow for a Section 13 firearm license that allows for firearm ownership for self-defence (i.e. to enhance the constitutional right to life and bodily integrity). Currently the bill confirms and supports firearm ownership as enhancing the constitutional right to life while the new descriptor implies this as a privilege. This is linked to the overriding need to ensure public safety which is, as it is worded in draft, now left solely to the Police. The intention or implication is that within the new bill public safety will improve through restriction of firearm use and ownership coupled with a holistic approach to the control of firearms – what would this control entail in practice? This bill clearly focuses on legally owned firearms and provides no impact on illegal firearms which should be identified as the culprit. The Police is already struggling to successfully implement the Bill and, without additional resource allocated, one has to wonder how even more additions will be implemented (especially in the light of the vagueness of some of these additions).

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