

SA Jagters- en Wildbewaringsvereniging
SA Hunters and Game Conservation Association

Bewaring deur volhoubare benutting / Conservation through sustainable utilisation

Plot 3, Mountain Drive 7 / Plot 3, 7 Mountain Drive, Derdepoort
Posbus / PO Box 1952, Montana Park, 0159
E-pos / E-mail: admin@sahunt.co.za Web: www.sahunters.co.za

Tel: (012) 808-9300
Faks / Fax : 087 220 2729



Geakkrediteer deur SAPD as Jagtersvereniging: Nr 400001; Sportskietorganisasie: Nr 1300091; Beroepsjagvereniging: Nr 1300124
Accredited by SAPS as Hunting association: No 400001; Sport shooting organisation: No 1300091; Professional hunting association: No 1300124

29 July 2021

The Civillian Secretary of Police
Pretoria

Personal Attention: Mr M Ntwana

Dear Sir,

DRAFT AMENDMENT BILL: FIREARMS CONTROL ACT 60 OF 2000

As part of the comments prepared by SA Hunters on the draft Amendment Bill SA Hunters prepared a petition for consideration by members on the purpose of the amendments. The wording of the petition reads as follows:

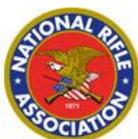
As a responsible and compliant firearm owners in the hunting and sport shooting fraternity, we oppose and object to:

- 1) Section 31, making provision for only dealers to sell firearms. Licenced firearm owners should also be included in this section and legally licenced firearm owners should be allowed to buy and sell directly to each other*
- 2) The reduction of the number of firearms being allowed to be transported by licenced owners to 3 only*

The petition was signed by **2 556** individual signatories in support thereof. Attached hereto please find a full list of all the signatories who as individuals signed the petition.

In addition to the petition provision was created for individuals to also provide some written comments. The comments received are provided in detail below.

1. Frank Scheepers:
As long as all the legal requirements are adhered to there is no reason not to trade in second hand (used) fire arms. In fact, it stimulates legal trading instead of used or estate fire arms going missing or handed in at SAPS and the going missing. Many people participating in hunting and/or sport shooting can only afford used fire arms. I have 3 sons who hunt with me and we often hunt different species which require different fire arms. E. g. Eland, Blue Wildebeest, Red Hartebeest, Blesbuck, Springbuck, Warthog, Jackal, Hare, Guinea fowl, Geese etc.
2. Roelof Euvrard:
I have trained and written test to be a proficient and responsible firearm owner. There are already laws in place to govern if I am a responsible firearm owner. The law does not need changing. This will have no effect on criminals.
3. Hannes van Eeden:
Different calibres required for different species. Need to transport all arms required. Every owner has the right to sell his firearm. You cannot hunt big and small animals with the same caliber rifle therefore the need to transport several rifles and handguns.
4. Roy van Schoor:
There are no perceived benefits to the proposed trade and transport limitations on firearms.
5. Geoffrey Hobbs:



This proposed legislation is far too draconian and will ignite a civil war which in turn will lead to the complete destruction of South Africa and unnecessary bloodshed. The present state of affairs although poor will be better.

6. Roy Bengis:

I am signing because these limitations envisaged in the draft firearms control bill infringe on our civil rights and will have no effect on reducing firearms-related crimes, because the vast majority of these crimes are committed with illegal unlicensed firearms.

7. Jeff Lopes:

Herewith official opposition to the proposed bill could afford the protection it was mandated to provide. I would have less concern - however with little success by SAPS to manage crime how can you willingly choose to disarm law-abiding citizens.

Moreover as a responsible occasional meat hunter - I contribute both personally and through corporate channels to the billions that hunters add to the sustainable game farming and game lodge community! Little thought has once again been given to the loss of livelihoods of so many!

I therefore reject the proposed changes unreservedly and implore government to better engage all stakeholders for a more sustainable and responsible solution.

8. Jean van Heerden:

I oppose and reject this draft bill by signing this petition as I am a dedicated sport shooter as well as a dedicated hunter as this draft bill does not make sense in the scope of sport shooting as sport shooters shoot out a couple of hundred bullets very easily. The more you shoot and practice the more you become efficient with your firearms. By restricting the amount of bullets and/or by removing the section of reloading ammunition from the Firearms Control Act, 60 of 2000, will put an huge damper/barrier on sport shooters ability to handle and shoot their firearm efficiently. Handloaded ammunition has several very distinct benefits over factory-loaded cartridges.

I am against the law in its entirety. There are many things wrong with this bill. We have a right to our own beliefs. By setting a value / parameter / definition to equality in human beings you are automatically unfairly discriminating against any value / parameter / definition that does not look / sound / react exactly as to the value / parameter / definition that you use as the measure of equality in the first place. There can therefore in reality only be one of anything that conforms to the value / parameter / definition you set in the first place. Government must stop focusing on "kak" this country is on the brink of economic and civil collapse. Focus should rather be to create a business friendly environment so that most people can at least have jobs and earn an income and thus have their basic needs met and that the country can be functional again.

9. Dries Bekker:

It is not clear how SAPS will make South Africa safer by forcing the hunting and sport shooting fraternity to have a permit to transport more than three firearms. On what conditions will this permit be refused? I often take more than three firearms to club shoots. It is the only way in which I can effectively practise the various sporting disciplines. This additional bureaucratic administration will only hamper me in practising my sport without any real meaningful contribution to safety.

10. Steve Griffin:

I am appalled at the level of violent crime in SA and cannot understand why our government wish to disarm legal law-abiding citizens. Leaving us defenseless. Jack up SAPS! Get the illegal weapons off the streets and drop the use of armed protection for politicians. Until they leave the law-abiding citizens alone.

11. Marko Kotze:

We have a right to buy, trade and transport legal firearms that we are licensed for. There is no logical reasoning behind banning the trade and transport. It will not curb crime nor violence. It will cause economic problems as a lot of dealers will close down causing even higher unemployment which South Africa can't afford.

12. Bennie Burger:

I AM SIGNING THIS BECAUSE I OPPOSE THE TRADE & TRANSPORT LIMITATIONS IMPOSED THROUGH THE DRAFT FIREARMS CONTROL BILL

13. Kenneth Mortimer:
Second hand firearms are worth considerably less than new. Losing a percentage to guns hops is a financial loss none of us can afford.
As hunters, we have various calibers for different size game, this cuts down our choice of shooting on trips which are already costly.
14. Andre van Niekerk:
Absurd proposed legislation. How can you limit the no of guns I transport? I go hunting, in other words I am travelling and using SA roads. I carry my self defense side firearm, shotgun for hunting birds, and lastly my two rifles for hunting animals. What is the purpose of restricting my rights of transporting my LICENSED firearms? Why limit my rights to selling my LICENSED firearms to a private person LEGALLY? The purpose of these amendments is to cover up SAPS incompetency, laziness and slagat houding. SAPS is responsible for 90%+ of lost firearms. I know that for a fact as an retired policeman.
15. Leon de Kock:
The basic human right to move my legally owned property and or assets in this case firearms in any which way required at the time is my basic right.
Government cannot think that they are in power to restrict any taxpayer's human right in the transportatiin and or trade of any legally owned property whatsoever.
- Therefore the shortsightedness and lack of intelect and vision by the government of the day is an infringement on my basic human rights as stipulated by the constitution of South Africa. I shall not tolerate this barbaric acts of the government.
16. John Barnes:
There is nothing logical about any of the proposed amendments. The performance of the firearms registry is pathetic is and should be an embarrasment to the instigators of the act.
17. Jeane Donay van Zyl:
As a responsible and compliant firearm owners in the hunting and sport shooting fraternity, we oppose and object to:
- 1) Section 31, making provision for only dealers to sell firearms. Licenced firearm owners should also be included in this section and legally licenced firearm owners should be allowed to buy and sell directly to each other
 - 2) The reduction of the number of firearms being allowed to be transported by licenced owners to 3 only
18. Abraham Kotze:
I want to be able to sell some of my weapons if I get older as I can do with other property. If I cannot sell my weapons it means that I have to buy it, keep it for life or surrender it for free to the Police Service. This is a very strange business principal not in line with commom practice.
- If I went on a lengthy safari I will need most likely more than 3 hunting rifles as I will hunt sveral species and not all calibers is suitable for all types of hunting in different regions and terrains.
19. Flippie van Tonder:
I am a sport shooter that represent South Africa in three different SA-teams on the last Worldchampionships. It is impossible to compete, if I can't reload. My bullets can't be bought over the counter, I used seven different guns at the World championships, how can I be restricted to only six guns, or to only transport three? I used about 600 bullets just for one gun, how can I be restriced to 100 bullets, I can compete for South Africa at all, just the team event is 150 shots, not counting the warm-up discipline or shooting in?
20. Derick le Roux:

The government has no idea of what their proposal entail. The proposal is not considering the technical implications of their proposal. The government does not consider the safety of its citizens, will they be able to protect my family?

21. Alexander Neethling:

Why impose a new bill or law to justify the Polices lack or the will to do their job correctly. What is the 5 year plan from the police to collect illegal firearms. If they have a 75% success rate in 4 years time I will gladly not oppose this new Law.

22. Hansie Lerm:

The limitations is restricting our dealers to do their business properly

23. Johan du Plooy:

When we go hunting or spots shooting we are normally more than two people in the vehicle with more than 4 weapons though reduced traveling costs.

24. Barend de Klerk:

As a dedicated hunter I often carry three rifles on a hunting trip. Most of the times we are more than two hunters on a hunting trip. This amendment would result that either me have to reduce the number of rifles or my fellow hunters can't take their rifles with. Absurd amendment.

25. Andre Botha:

The proposed amendment includes several impractical restrictions on the transportation of firearms. The proposed changes to import and export regulations will surely result in massive financial losses as international hunters will not be able to import their firearms for hunting or sport shooting purposes. This will lead to thousands of jobs being lost in the hunting and tourism industry

26. George Taylor:

The Lawmaker has lost sight of the fact that firearms will form part of a will and thus part of an estate. These items will be left to a person or beneficiary of the estate. The executor of an estate is not a firearms dealer. He or She will act on behalf of the deceased person. There is no logical reason why persons with a legal licence should not be allowed to sell his firearm. It is the duty of the SAPS to ensure that the new owner meets all the criteria to possess a firearm

27. Ian Schwartz:

As a licensed firearm owner, I object strongly to these proposed amendments for many reasons. The most obvious is that it would be irrational and illogical to prevent the sale of a firearm from one registered and legally compliant owner to another. What would be the point of going through the arduous and time-consuming process of being registered as a legal firearm owner only to then be prevented from selling a firearm to another? Quality firearms form an investment and their value would be significantly diminished through enforced sale by dealers who by their very nature are forced to operate profitably,

28. Piet Maritz:

Government is interfering in all aspects of our lives. This is unacceptable. Free trade has always been a corner stone of our community. Government's ill-considered decision regarding the use, including transportation, of multiple firearms to venues where it will be legally used, display their ignorance on the subject. Again interfering with my right to exercise my right in accordance with the Act

29. Jurie Blom:

We have a free market economy in South Africa - I have a legal right to sell my fire arm directly to any person who can obtain a license for it from the SAPS. 2. I hunt for different game and bird species during the same hunting trip and I object against the limitation to transport only 3 firearms. I cannot afford to travel back and forth to collect the appropriate firearm from home to use during my hunting trip,

30. Conrad Does:

I am a hunter, sport shooter, Shooting sport administrator, family and friend of several victims of assault hijackings home invasions and homicide.

I have no doubt that I am one of hundreds of thousands of citizen in similar situation.

Me and my family can not accept the increased risk of becoming another victim by having my "right to life" and freedom of activity, movement and association as prescribed in the constitution of my land of birth, be put at risk by an amendment bill not designed to fix the wrongs of society, but to sweep under the carpet of shame the incapability an inefficiencies of the people who have been appointed to govern and protect it citizens.

31. Ettienne van Zyl:

This amendment in its entirety, should alarm not only gun owners in South Africa, but should also alert the rest of the democratic world that the rainbow nation is busy imploding. The government fears gunowners; for it is legal gunowners preventing this country to collapse into chaos! And as we know, that chaos will lead to terrible possibilities as is promised by all doomed communist ideology. Our right to own firearms is as old as this country, and have therefore through default become part of our culture and identity. Legal firearm owners should not pay the price for a incompetent government that cant fulfill basic duties to protect its citizens from criminal intentions with unlicensed-illegally-obtained firearms that come mostly from state "resources".

So I say NO to the amendments proposed.

32. Cornel Senekal:

1. There's no valid argument to uphold this proposal - there's already processes in place to ensure firearms are currently sold to competent, "sane" persons through the official SAP application to own any firearm.

2. To limit the amount of firearms transported to only 3 - no logic reason will explain this proposal!!!

33. Anthony Grobler:

A Sport Shooter Traveling To Large Competitions Like Nationals Travel with Quite a few more than 3 Firearms. It will be useless to take less as a Dedicated Sport Shooter will be unable to Compete in all Events making It To Expensive To Travel such Long Distances to Compete.

34. Alfred Ayres:

The right to own and transport my own firearms is no longer just a nice to have, in this country it is a matter of life and death. The state/police can't protect my family

I trust you will consider these comments as well as the number of signatories of the petition as part and parcel of the process of the review of the draft bill.

Yours sincerely



Fred Camphor
CEO: SA Hunters