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# SUBMISSION TO PETITIONS COMMITTEE, NZ PARLIAMENT

## FIANZ OPPOSES THE PETITION :

*That the House of Representatives allow bona fide competitive shooters from gun clubs to own banned semi-automatic rifles for competition.*



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The Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand, FIANZ, is the national Muslim umbrella organisation.

We thank the Petitions Committee for inviting us to make a submission with respect to the petition “that the House of Representatives allow bona fide competitive shooters from gun clubs to own banned semi-automatic rifles for competition”.

The stated rationale for the petition is that the changes to the Arms Act 1983, would enable New Zealanders to practise with semi-automatic weapons so that they can “compete on an equal footing” in competitions organized by the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) and the USA National Rifle Association (NRA). It has also been mentioned that one of the benefits of participating in the above competitions is that it would enhance NZ global recognition and prestige.

FIANZ opposes the proposed amendment to the Arms Act 1983 which would allow club members to own and use prohibited semi-automatic weapons on ranges in NZ .

The following are some considerations with respect to the petition.

**15 February 2024**

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# CONSIDERATION 1: INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

## CLAIM BY PETITIONER

The whole basis of the petition is to allow the ownership and usage of semi-automatic weapons for international competitions. In this context, it has been mentioned that before the ban on centrefire semi-automatic rifles, New Zealand excelled in competitions such as 3-gun, IPSC, NRA Silhouette, and NRA Speed Steel Rifle, which all require centrefire rifles to meet the power factor requirements.

## FIANZ RESPONSE

Making generalized statements with no supporting evidence is tantamount to hearsay. Given the gravity of the changes being proposed, we would have expected detailed information on the specific competitions which NZ had won earlier and “excelled” and ones that we no longer can compete due to the existing legislation. No such evidence has been provided. Changing a legislation which was passed by parliament as a direct consequences of 51 persons being killed on 15 March 2019, would be tantamount to degrading the lives which were lost and continue the trauma of the impacted widows, children and whānau.

FIANZ has conducted its own research on this matter. What we found totally negate the rationale proposed by the petitioner.

## EVIDENCE 1<sup>1</sup>:

Since 1999, NZ has not won a single IPSC World Record. In the twenty long years before NZ banned semi-automatic weapons, there is no evidence of NZ having excelled in IPSC competitions. We have no clue as to what metrics have been used to denote that NZ has “excelled in the past”. In sporting terms, a World Record is a quality benchmark of excellence. Simply winning standard competitions is not excelling. NZ has been absent from any World Record of an IPSC competition event over the last 20 years. Evidence is provided below.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ipsc.org/ipsc-match-results/world-records/>



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PRACTICAL  
SHOOTING  
CONFEDERATION  
IPSC.ORG

World records are based on the number of points actually achieved by a competitor at an IPSC Handgun World Shoot multiplied by 100 and divided by the total points available.

#### Open Division

Category	Name	World Shoot	Location	Year	Record
Overall	Eric Grauffel (FRA)	XV	Bali, Indonesia	2008	95.9696
Lady	Karla Stowers (AUS)	XVI	Frostproof, USA	2014	72.5474
Junior	Eric Grauffel (FRA)	XX	Cebu, Philippines	1999	91.5883
Senior	Michael Voigt (USA)	XVI	Frostproof, USA	2014	76.7260
Super Senior	Thierry Ozbloc (FRA)	XVI	Frostproof, USA	2014	67.7021
Team - Overall	Raczka, Eusebio, Michel, Tilley (USA)	XVI	Rhodes, Greece	2011	90.4099
Team - Lady	Cabalatangan, Lee, Tan, Kingleon (PHI)	XIII	Pietersburg, South Africa	2002	68.8736
Team - Junior	Balsley, Coley, Mc Ginty, Mc Cord (USA)	XV	Bali, Indonesia	2008	81.0662
Team - Senior	Voigt, Pearson, Townley, Oosthuisen (USA)	XVI	Frostproof, USA	2014	72.0485
Team - Super Senior	Delos Santos, Hizon, Fontanilla (PHI)	XVI	Rhodes, Greece	2011	46.7163

#### Production Division

Category	Name	World Shoot	Location	Year	Record
Overall	Eric Grauffel (FRA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	95.1079
Lady	Maria Gushchina (RUS)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	79.0066
Junior	Adam Tyc (CZE)	XIV	Guayaquil, Ecuador	2005	89.1758
Senior	Frank Garcia (USA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	80.2774
Super Senior	Miroslav Kamenicek (CZE)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	63.4688
Team - Overall	Raczka, Soegger, Mink (USA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	88.8826
Team - Lady	Gushchina, Barinova, Omerenko, Bykova (RUS)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	63.8843
Team - Junior	Hetherington, Katz, Morton, Clegg (USA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	77.7899
Team - Senior	Anglo, Castro, Sy, Gotamco (PHI)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	66.7314

#### Standard Division

Category	Name	World Shoot	Location	Year	Record
Overall	Rob Leatham (USA)	XIII	Pietersburg, South Africa	2002	92.5510
Lady	Petra Tutschke (GER)	XIV	Guayaquil, Ecuador	2005	64.7180
Junior	Michael Ron Ligon (PHI)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	75.7915
Senior	Emanuel Bragg (USA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	80.3195
Super Senior	Esterino Magli (ITA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	72.8047
Team - Overall	Leatham, Voigt, Avery, Strader (USA)	XIII	Pietersburg, South Africa	2002	89.6449
Team - Lady	Rogers, Nonaka, Munson, Randolph (USA)	XVI	Rhodes, Greece	2011	61.9623
Team - Senior	Santarcangelo, Silvera, D'Alessandro, Simula (ITA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	74.1584

#### Classic Division

Category	Name	World Shoot	Location	Year	Record
Overall	Robert Leatham (USA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	90.6032
Lady	Anne-Valérie Fonder (FRA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	55.2437
Senior	Rob Leatham (USA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	90.6032
Super Senior	Daniel Torrevillas (PHI)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	64.1794
Team - Overall	Leatham, Jarrett, Bjerly, Dilworth (USA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	84.4153

#### Modified Division

Category	Name	World Shoot	Location	Year	Record
Overall	Jojo Vidanes (USA)	XV	Bali, Indonesia	2008	93.0787
Senior	Rob Leatham (USA)	XVI	Rhodes, Greece	2011	87.7391
Team - Overall	Lejano, Uyongco, Biraogo, Sy (PHI)	XIV	Guayaquil, Ecuador	2005	88.7525

#### Revolver Division

Category	Name	World Shoot	Location	Year	Record
Overall	Jerry Miculek (USA)	XIII	Pietersburg, South Africa	2002	98.1080
Lady	Annette Aysen (USA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	57.2655
Senior	Jerry Miculek (USA)	XIV	Guayaquil, Ecuador	2005	93.2697
Super Senior	Elliot Aysen (USA)	XVII	Frostproof, USA	2014	74.5214
Team - Overall	Todeschini, Brusin, Ricciardi, Zambonin (ITA)	XV	Bali, Indonesia	2008	83.3876



Not a single mention of NZ is any of the IPSC World Record. No evidence has been provided as to how and when NZ "excelled" in IPSC Competitions.



## EVIDENCE 2<sup>2</sup>:

If the quantity of competition medals won is a metrics for NZ 'excelling', then the information provided by the petitioner is also directly contrary to the evidence. What is most interesting to note is that the number of President's Medals NZ has won has actually increased since the ban on terrorist's favourite semi-automatic weapon..The evidence is below.



Gold medals are awarded to the top placing individuals in IPSC sanctioned matches. (See [Match Results](#))

**Please note:**

Medals are awarded to Division winners (Open, Standard, Classic, Production, Production Optics, Production Optics Light and Revolver) **only** when there are at least 10 competitors in the Division Division for Level III matches (20 competitors in the Division for Level IV and higher matches), and to Category winners (Lady, Junior, Super Junior, Senior and Super Senior) **only** when there are at least 5 competitors in the Category.



New Zealand (NZL)

47

in 2018 before ban.

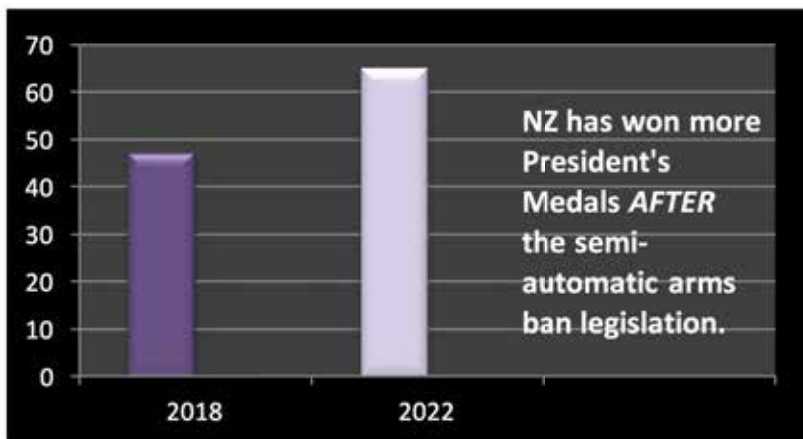
2019 -2021 ( COVID YEARS IMPACTED COMEPTITION)



New Zealand (NZL)

65

in 2022 after ban



The petition does not appear to be based on coherent and accurate information. In fact the evidence is quite the opposite.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ipsc.org/ipsc-match-results/presidents-medals/>

### EVIDENCE 3<sup>3</sup>:

It would be logical to assume that countries which have not banned semi-automatic weapons would have more medals than countries which have banned semi-automatic weapons. The petitioner claims that since they cannot practise with semi-automatic weapons they cannot be internationally competitive. The evidence does not match the claim by the petitioner.

In 2022 : PRESIDENT'S MEDALS WON

	New Zealand (NZL)	65
	United States (USA)	40



The petitioner does not appear to have based the petition on evidence but rather have relied on 'hearsay' to make the claim that "New Zealand to be internationally competitive" has to allow using semi-automatic weapons for practice.

In the USA there is no ban on practising with semi-automatic weapons. In NZ we have a ban. Yet NZ has won more medals than the USA. This fact is incongruous to the claim by the petitioner. There is no data available on which of the above were competitions with semi-automatic weapons, hence we have taken the fully tally of medals.

### EVIDENCE 4<sup>4</sup>:

A substantive claim by the petitioner is that by winning "NRA competitions will give NZ global recognition and prestige".<sup>5</sup> We find this claim very problematic, given that the NRA competitions do not seem to give any recognition to the country of the winner. They only specify the name of the individual and the team. The team names are not based on country but such anecdotal names as "Ultradot" or "Zero", or "Illinois State Blue" or "Illinois State Red". These are hardly "international competition giving "prestige and recognition" to NZ as a country.

Below we have given the 2023 winners list of the CentreFire Team Championship.



<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ipsc.org/ipsc-match-results/presidents-medals/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.nrahq.org/compete/natpdf/cp122-23.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCPET\\_EVI\\_118543\\_PET4264/6dae1dfa4de28ae6077f68c58d648daca5085306](https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCPET_EVI_118543_PET4264/6dae1dfa4de28ae6077f68c58d648daca5085306)

**MATCH 122 — CENTER FIRE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**  
National Match Course - 4-Member Teams

2023 National Matches

Final Results Bulletin

Total Entries - 5

<b>Match Winner</b>	<b>112-5    ULTRADOT / LAPUA/ ROCK RIVER</b> HM - 5042 - BICKAR, JOHN HM - 5023 - SHUE, JONATHAN HM - 5005 - KOPSTEIN, ADAM HM - 5003 - SILVA, TONY Capt. - 5005 - ADAM KOPSTEIN Coach. - 5003 - TONY SILVA	<b>1151 - 40    HM</b> 286 - 8 295 - 17 285 - 8 285 - 7 Each Firing Team Member Receives - A Smith and Wesson Trophy Plaque
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**Balance of Teams**

<b>1. HM    112-4    ZERO / LAPUA</b> HM - 5043 - HEMPHILL, PHILIP HM - 5019 - JORGENSEN, TRAVIS HM - 5004 - ZUREK, JOHN HM - 5002 - LANGE, DAVID Capt. - 5002 - DAVID LANGE Coach. - 5002 - DAVID LANGE	<b>1150 - 48</b> 281 - 12 289 - 13 293 - 12 287 - 11
<b>2. MA    112-6    ISRPA</b> EX - 5064 - LEUNG, MATTHEW MA - 5061 - PARDIECK, STEVEN MA - 5046 - REARDON, TOM MA - 5014 - DESSUIT, FRANKLIN Capt. - 5061 - STEVEN PARDIECK Coach. - 5065 - REAGAN PARDIECK	<b>1132 - 36</b> 278 - 8 286 - 8 283 - 11 285 - 9
<b>3. MA    112-2    ILLINOIS STATE BLUE</b> MA - 5057 - TURNER, STEVE EX - 5039 - WILSON, RALPH EX - 5027 - DERVIS, JOHN MA - 5012 - MILEN, MICHAEL Capt. - 5039 - RALPH WILSON No Coach	<b>1054 - 22</b> 268 - 5 263 - 4 253 - 3 270 - 10
<b>4. EX    112-1    ILLINOIS STATE RED</b> MU - 5030 - SCHOELER, SCOTT MU - 5017 - ZIZZO, ANDREW EX - 5009 - WEBER, JOEL MK - 5001 - POLTORAK, ALEX Capt. - 5009 - JOEL WEBER No Coach	<b>983 - 20</b> 231 - 3 243 - 4 270 - 7 239 - 6

How does it help NZ's prestige and recognition when no country is mentioned on any official list of winners.



# CONSIDERATION 2 : MARKETING DATA COLLECTION

## CLAIM BY PETITIONER

The petition mentions that by participating in IPSC competition will lead to prestige and global recognition. It asserts that such competitions will provide NZ global recognition.

## FIANZ RESPONSE

The 'international competitions' mentioned by the petitioner are not global iconic-sport events such as the Olympics, the Commonwealth Games or even the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Championships (which is recognized by the Olympics). The International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) championship mentioned by the petitioner, is a collection of national and international events, which are reliant on sponsorship of arms and related suppliers and manufacturers. They use these events to promote their ware. The IPSC has no international recognition by global sports authorities such as the Olympics or even the ISSF<sup>6</sup>, which is the world's oldest rifle shooting global organisation. Instead the IPSC only have recognized partnership with commercial firms.<sup>7</sup>

## EVIDENCE 1:

The IPSC proudly mentions in all their promotion and official information that their "Global Partners" are weapons and related suppliers and manufacturers.<sup>8</sup>



MAJOR PARTNERS



STRATEGIC PARTNER



Whilst having global weapon sponsors are not in itself an issue, but what is of concern with respect to credibility is that IPSC clearly states that the competitions are used for collecting "marketing data".<sup>9</sup>



We ask the question, why should NZ make exception to its semi-automatic weapons ban for the sake of collecting "marketing data" for the benefit of weapon manufacturers and suppliers.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.issf-sports.org/>  
<sup>7</sup> <https://www.ipsc.org/what-is-ipsc/#>  
<sup>8</sup> <https://www.ipsc.org/partners-and-sponsors/>  
<sup>9</sup> <https://www.ipsc.org/partners-and-sponsors/>

## EVIDENCE 2:

A deep-dive search of the IPSC website only has one reference to semi-automatic weapons championship . This was the First Rifle Championship held in Kyrgyzstan where only 27 'athletes' took part and all were from the home country.<sup>10</sup>

### First IPSC Rifle Championship held in Kyrgyzstan

by IPSCWorld | Nov 18, 2020 | News and Announcements

On November 15, 2020, the First Rifle Championship was held in Kyrgyzstan. 37 athletes took part in this match. 5 stages at a distance of up to 300 meters, 120 shots, 3 squads. The Championship aroused great interest and attention among the participants of all categories.

"The competition is held in the so-called open class of semi-automatic rifles, in which it is allowed to use any modifications of rifles. It is noteworthy that juniors also take part in the match. Out of 37 athletes, four participants are from 14 to 17 years old," said Erkin Usabaliyev, vice-president of the Practical Shooting Federation of Kyrgyzstan.

Our warm greeting to the IPSC Kyrgyzstan for their great work dedicated to the development of our beloved sport in the region!



This is hardly an international competition which will bring NZ significant recognition. There is no other mention of any semi-automatic weapon competition in the IPSC website

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ipsc.org/first-ipsc-rifle-championship-held-in-kyrgyzstan/>

# CONSIDERATION 3: COSTLY ADHOC CHANGES

## CLAIM BY PETITIONER

The petitioner is seeking changes to the Arms Act with a nonchalant statement that totally disregards the robust integrated systems and processes required for arms registry by simply asserting that “ NZ can adopt the same system as the existing B-category endorsement.. and allow only gun club members to own semi-automatic weapons.”<sup>11</sup>

## FIANZ RESPONSE

The petitioner is in effect, seeking a reversal of the semi-automatic weapons ban so that few thrill seeking can compete internationally with weapons developed for mass-killing. The petitioner has totally disregarded the complexity of the arms regulatory eco-system and the statutory review. Furthermore, we are not in favour of ad hoc changes,

## EVIDENCE 1:

The petitioner is probably not even aware that there will be a statutory review of changes to the Arms Act 1983 after the Arms Legislation Act 2020 has been in force for three years. Given the new registry started in June 2023, there will be a review in 2026. That would be an appropriate time to raise this issue of international competition. This would avoid all the ad hoc legislative changes that the petitioner is proposing which benefits only thrill-shooting competitors of mass-killing weapons and leaves the taxpayers with more added costs.

## EVIDENCE 2:

It has cost over \$200 million for the newly established Arms Registry. The petitioner is seeking to add at least another \$30 million on top of that so that a few shooters can compete overseas. There has been no consideration to the burden of cost for the vast majority of taxpayers who are not interested in owning weapons of mass-killing. By simply stating “ NZ can adopt the same system as the existing B-category endorsement” the petitioner is glossing over the complex integrated registry ecosystem which NZ has developed and the costs associated with further modification for the benefit of a few who seek the thrill of rapid fire of mass-killing weapons.

**Firearms Registry - Registering your firearms**

New Zealand has a new firearms registry. If you're a firearms licence holder, you're required to provide information about your arms from 14 June 2023.

The Registry will help us make New Zealand safer. It will give licence holders more confidence when buying or selling firearms, as the Registry will let you know if you're dealing with a licensed firearm holder and if the firearm has been reported stolen.

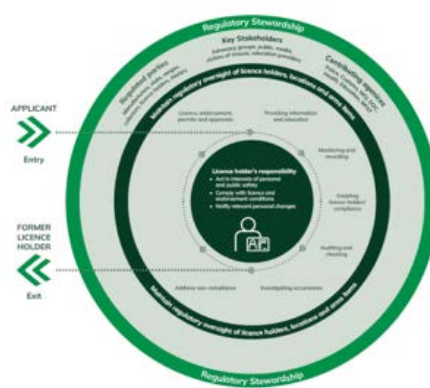
You have until 24 June 2023 to register your firearms. However, there are activating circumstances where you're required to provide information to the Registry within a shorter time frame. It's up to you to keep your information up to date. Go to [www.firearms.govt.nz](#) for more information.

You are required to tell us about any firearms in your possession within 5 years.

**Examples of activating circumstances**

Applying for or holding a licence or endorsement	Buying or selling a firearm or endorsement
Importing, exporting or manufacturing a firearm	Selling, hiring, purchasing or receiving a firearm
Thief, loss or destruction of a firearm	You are subject to any suspension or endorsement order under the Arms Act

**To Tari Pōhake**  
Firearms Safety Authority



The petitioner has disregarded the complex regulatory system to keep NZer's safe. The petitioner is advocating for ad hoc changes for the benefit of few shooting thrill seekers who want to own weapons designed for mass shooting and warfare.

<sup>11</sup> [https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SPET\\_EVI\\_118543\\_PET4264/6dae1dfa4de28ae6077f68c58d648daca5085306](https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SPET_EVI_118543_PET4264/6dae1dfa4de28ae6077f68c58d648daca5085306)

# CONSIDERATION 4 : EXAGGERATED SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT

## CLAIM BY PETITIONER

The petition is seeking a law change so that only gun club members can own semi-automatic weapons rather than the public, because gun club members are “law-abiding” and “exemplary citizens”.<sup>12</sup>

## FIANZ RESPONSE

We have no doubt that the petitioner sincerely believes that all gun-club members are law-abiding and exemplary citizens, however no evidence has been provided and this exclusivity of entitlement is incongruous in the face of evidence.

## EVIDENCE 1:

The petitioner is simply relying on wishful sincerity rather than empirical evidence when claiming that gun club members are law-abiding and exemplary citizens. Even a casual search would reveal the undertones of such statements are simply fiction.<sup>13 14</sup>



## Māngere murder accused was gun enthusiast and competitive gun club member, jury hears

Hardly.....  
law abiding



By [Qiuyi Tan](#)  
Open Justice multimedia journalist,  
Auckland

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A gun enthusiast who retrieved his military-style AR-15 semi-automatic rifle from home after his pride was hurt in a South Auckland melee - aiming it at a moving car and killing the teen driver - has been sentenced to prison.



The owner of a controversial gun club has been spared a conviction after arguing it could affect his ability to travel overseas with a firearm.

The Auckland Shooting Club, which he co-owns, has raised the ire of residents in the quiet valley since it opened in 2017.

<sup>12</sup> [https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCPET\\_EVI\\_118543\\_PET3899/d871904afabdc27cbea3d2818f30e9f2ef28988d](https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCPET_EVI_118543_PET3899/d871904afabdc27cbea3d2818f30e9f2ef28988d)  
<sup>13</sup> <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/mangere-murder-accused-was-gun-enthusiast-and-competitive-gun-club-member-jury-hears/6NBUDR3WC5AZBLNORPGXHJLGT/>  
<sup>14</sup> <https://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/118322423/pro-shooter-spared-conviction-for-unlawful-earthmoving-over-fears-of-increased-vigilance-while-travelling-with-guns?%3Fcid=facebook.post&cid=facebook.post>

## EVIDENCE 2:

The petitioner has simply failed on the most basic fact that the March 15 terrorist was a member of gun club.



IGNORING THIS IMPORTANT FACT ATTESTS TO THE SINGULAR DISREGARD OF THE TRAGIC HORROR CAUSED BY A GUN CLUB MEMBER WHO COWARDLY TOOK THE LIFE OF 51 INNOCENT WORSHIPPERS .

IN OUR VIEW THIS IS NOT AN OVERSIGHT BUT DELIBERATE AND REPREHENSIBLE

**25 February 2018**

The individual attended the Bruce Rifle Club for a probationary shoot.

**25 February 2018**

The Bruce Rifle Club emailed a membership application to the individual.

**26 February 2018**

The individual completed an application form and emailed it to the Bruce Rifle Club.

**26 February 2018**

The individual's membership at the Bruce Rifle Club was approved.



# CONSIDERATION 5: IGNORING RISK PARAMETERS

## CLAIM BY PETITIONER

The essence of the petition is to “allow Gun Club members to own semi-automatic weapons”. The rationale is that this would enable them to compete at international events and bring prestige to NZ.

## FIANZ RESPONSE

15 March 2019 has taught New Zealand an important lesson in not being naïve that we are a ‘safe country’. One of the Royal Commission focus was on the risks impacting our national safety and wellbeing. The petitioner has a complete void on the risk parameters associated with this petition.

## EVIDENCE 1:

An estimated 10 per cent of New Zealand's 250,000 licensed shooters belong to a gun club.<sup>15</sup> The petitioner is advocating that potentially 25,000 shooters be allowed to buy semi-automatic weapons designed for mass killing in warfare. This would change the safety landscape of NZ beyond recognition and make a complete mockery of the key lesson learned after 15 March . The petitioner simply has not done the risk analysis to advocate that 25,000 “gun club members to own semi-automatic weapons”. It should be noted that the March 15 terrorist had bought 10 guns.

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.nz.co.nz/news/national/464793/gun-clubs-worry-arms-act-changes-will-misfire-for-hobby-shooters>



Table 5: The individual's firearms purchases 2017-2018

Date Purchased	Description	Calibre	Seller	Cost	Later sold
4 December 2017	Tikka T2X Lite stainless / synthetic rifle	.308	Hunting & Fishing Dunedin - purchased in person	\$1,499.00	Yes
5 December 2017	Windham Weaponry WW-15 semi-automatic rifle	.223	NZ Hunter Group Ltd - purchased online	\$1,799.90	No
12 December 2017	Ranger 870 Magnum pump action shotgun	12 gauge	Gun City - purchased online	\$349.00	No
12 December 2017	Norinco SKS semi-automatic rifle	7.62 x 39	Gun City - purchased online	\$499.00	Yes
13 December 2017	Mossberg 930 SPX semi-automatic shotgun	12 gauge	Gun City Hamilton - purchased online	\$1,599.00	No
15 December 2017	Ruger 10/22 semi-automatic rifle	.22 LR	Elio's Gun Shop Dunedin	\$695.00	Yes
18 December 2017	Liberti lever action rifle	.357 magnum	Hayes & associates Ltd - purchased online	\$2,300.00	No
4 March 2018	Mossberg MVP Predator bolt action rifle	.223	Gun City Dunedin - purchased on Trade Me. Collected in person	\$766.00	No
19 March 2018	Ranger TAC-12 SYN semi-automatic shotgun	12 gauge pump action	Gun City Christchurch	\$999.00	Yes
18 April 2018	Ruger AR-556 AR-15 semi-automatic assault rifle	.223	Reloader Supplies Ltd - purchased online	\$1,599.00	No

One mass killer of 15 March had an array of semi-automatic guns.

No one can under estimate the risks of 25,000 gun club members being given the legal exemption to own semi-automatic weapons.

The risk profile for our nation is beyond comprehension.

## EVIDENCE 2:

Whilst there is no doubt there is robust vetting of gun owners, there can always be the possibility of rogue license holders and the possibility of theft. There is also the possibility of a legitimate gun owner supplying a gun to non-license holders. The facts are that in between January 2015 and August 2021 some 5370 guns were reported stolen.<sup>16</sup> The array of risks outweigh the thrill sought by some shooters to compete in international completion of weapons of mass killing. The following are some recent news, which highlight the risks.

### Stolen guns: Police investigating after 20 firearms taken in Wellington burglaries



By Sam Sherwood  
8 Apr, 2023 09:46 AM Quick Read

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The petitioner has not considered the risk parameters for the safety of ordinary NZ'ers.

## Guns stolen to order - dealer

Wairarapa Times-Age

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### Ramraiders reverse into Gun City four times before leaving with stolen weapons

Steven Walton, Blair Ensor, Carly Gooch and Olivia Caldwell · 22:03, Dec 02 2022



### More than 4000 firearms stolen - cops are victims, too

Matthew Tso · 16:46, Feb 26 2020



<sup>16</sup> <https://www.policeassn.org.nz/news/gun-seizures-and-reported-thefts-dont-add-up/>

## A FEW LAST WORDS ON THIS PETITION

*From a community perspective this petition would definitely be seen as backsliding on an essential promise made to the people of this country after the tragic events of March 15. The proposal to ban semi-automatic weapons had been made by the Thorp report in 1997 but due to the lack of political drive and public uptake at the time, and in subsequent years, the report's recommendations continued to languish. After March 15 both political will and public demand combined to push through the necessary legislation to ban semi-automatic weapons for general ownership or purchase in NZ.*

*The speed with which this took place was not the result of a knee jerk emotive reaction but rather the coming to the fore of discussions which had been playing out in the background of the public consciousness for more than 23 years.*

*It should also be noted that this was more than just a mechanism to control the type of armaments present in our country. This was a line that was being drawn. A line that stated who we were as a country and who we wanted to be. And that line was drawn with the blood of 51 innocent NZers who were gunned down as they knelt on the floor in prayer.*

*So much of the NZ response that was lauded both here and around the world to the March 15 massacre stemmed from our visible commitment to ensuring such a tragedy could never happen again. It was one of the cornerstones of our nations response. It has only been 4 years since these tragic events – many of those wounded in the attacks on March 15 are still suffering from the wounds inflicted due to the nature of the ammunition used by semi-automatic weapons. And already this petition is wants to water down this commitment, this promise, this line.*

*The threat posed by allowing such weapons into the community is significant. The sheer number of guns obtained by criminals through theft and false purchasing should be deterrent enough. Guns do not always remain in the hands of legitimate users. And now given the scarcity of semi-automatic weapons, it is not unreasonable to assume that owners of such guns will become prime targets for theft by criminals. Putting themselves, their families and their communities at risk.*

*In the balance of benefit and harm, the potential harm of such weapons far outweighs any benefit that may be gained from engaging in competitive shooting with semi-automatic guns*







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