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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 3327-20, tabled in Parliament on 19 May 2020, in relation to restoring firearms trading in Queensland and allow the sale of ammunition to certain licensed firearms owners.

On 31 March 2020, Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer made the Non-essential Business, Activity and Undertaking Closure Direction (No. 4), which permitted licensed armourers and dealers to supply weapons and related services to military and police organisations, licenced security organisations and persons holding particular licences and authorisations relating to primary production, animal welfare and pest management.

On 9 April 2020, Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer made the Non-essential Business, Activity and Undertaking Closure Direction (No. 5), which eased restrictions on weapons dealers and licensed armourers by expanding the groups they were permitted to supply weapons and ammunition to. This included prescribed persons who required a weapon for occupational purposes relating to primary production, animal welfare, nature conservation or pest management, such as primary producers, commercial pest controllers and veterinary surgeons.

On 15 May 2020, the Non-essential Business, Activity and Undertaking Closure Direction (No. 10) made by the Chief Health Officer commenced which eased restrictions further and removed the requirements to close facilities for weapons dealers and licensed armourers in Queensland.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to easing restrictions for all Queenslanders in a measured way that preserves the gains we have made in protecting the health of Queenslanders and stop the spread of COVID-19. The easing of these restrictions will support the economy and enable Queenslanders to return to their everyday lives and activities.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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