

# **FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

*(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)*

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**SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT FIREARMS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL  
2021**

**DUE: 5 JULY 2021 (45 DAYS AFTER 21 MAY 2021)**

The Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association's (FHVRRRA) comments that the bill starts by declaring everything the bill hopes to achieve with one being "to provide that no firearm licences may be issued for self-defence purposes" and as stated in Clauses 14 (1) and 15 which deletes Section 13 of the Firearms Control Act 6 of 2000 "that relates to a licence to possess restricted firearms for self-defence". However, this is contrary to our Constitution's (Act 108 of 1996) Bill of Rights in Chapter 2, wherein Section 11 states that "[e]veryone has the right to life"; Section 12 (1) (c) "to be free from all forms of violence"; (d) "torture"; (2) "right to bodily and psychological integrity, which includes the right"; (b) "security in and control over their body" and Section 24 "[e]veryone has the right" (a) "to an environment that is not harmful to their health or wellbeing". Citizens' possession of firearms for self-defence preserves these rights. Why write a bill that will be challenged in a court of law.

By forcing self-defence licence holders into the sports shooting category, more ammunition will be required to be shot in order to comply with the sports club's shooting events and licence requirements for Section 91 (3) "(a) proof of the frequency of the use of the firearm; (b) the level of participation in the activity for which the firearm is registered; (c) the number of cartridges used per occasion for the particular activity; and (d) any other relevant factors or circumstances which may be prescribed." Yet, this bill wants to delete Section 93 of the Act that allows reloading ammunition, which is a cheaper option than purchasing new ammunition every time.

During a sporting event, it is hoped that sellers of ammunition will be permitted to sell ammunition on-site as otherwise, such events are limited to less than 100 cartridges, as proposed in changes for Section 91 (1) and (2) from 200 to 100 cartridges per firearm.

## **Summary**

In conclusion, we would like to see:-

- that licences to possess firearms for "self-defence" be allowed in compliance with our Constitution;
- that "reloaded" of ammunition is allowed at sporting events if self-defence is not allowed forcing these licence holders into the more expensive (frequency of

shooting and shooting at events) sports shooting category; and

- that the selling of ammunition at sporting events is allowed if the number of cartridges is limited to 100 per firearm for each licence holder.

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