

WRITE A SUBMISSION AND HELP SILENCE THE GUNS IN SOUTH AFRICA

DRAFT GUN BILL OPEN FOR COMMENTS






Gun violence in South Africa is an epidemic: Nationally, guns have overtaken knives as the weapon most used in murders, while in Gauteng more people are shot and killed than die in traffic accidents.

Each day 23 people are shot and killed and 138 people survive a gunshot, often with severe disabilities.

The Draft Firearms Control Amendment Bill is a bold step by government to help silence the guns in South Africa by strengthening our existing gun law, the Firearms Control Act.

Need help?

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YOUR VOICE CAN STOP A BULLET

One of the ways that you can make your community safer is to make a submission on the Draft Firearms Control Amendment Bill.

The Draft Bill was published by the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service on 21 May 2021 for public comments.

Written submissions must be emailed to: comments.fcabill@csp.gov.za by 2 August 2021 (deadline extended from 6 July).

The Draft Firearms Control Amendment Bill (1.2MB) is available online at:
www.policesecretariat.gov.za/downloads/FAC_Bill/FAC_Bill.pdf

WHAT IS A SUBMISSION?

A submission is the presentation of your views or opinions on a matter or piece of legislation being considered by government.



HOW TO WRITE A SUBMISSION?

While there is no set format for a written submission, it should be well thought out and easy to read. The Guidelines below will help you write your submission on the Draft Firearms Control Amendment Bill. When you are done, you will have a first draft of your submission. Take some time to think about what you've written, before finalising and sending it to make sure you've made all the points you want to.

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT GUN BILL

Section 1: Introduction:

- Are you presenting your own views in this submission or the views of your organisation? If you are presenting your views, answer the questions in column 1.
- If you are presenting your organisation's view, answer the questions in column 2.

Column 1: Individual submission

What is your name and contact details?
Very briefly (in one or two sentences) describe what you do.
Describe why you are interested in making a submission on the Draft Bill.

Column 2: Organisation submission

What is the name and contact details of your organisation?
Very briefly (in one or two sentences) describe what your organisation does.
How many members does your organisation have, or what constituency does it serve?
Describe why your organisation is interested in making a submission on the Draft Bill.

Section 2: Overview

Overall, do you think that the Draft Bill is necessary and important? And overall, do you support the Draft Bill or oppose it?

Section 3: Detailed comments

Are there specific comments you want to make?

- Do you very strongly support specific sections of the Draft Bill?
- Do you strongly oppose specific sections?
- Are there matters which have been left out?

Raise the points that you believe are most important. Give background to the problems you raise and if you refer to a particular section of the Draft Bill, give the number of the relevant clause to make reading your submission easy.

Close

Thank the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service for considering your submission.

Send your submission

Email your submission to the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service on comments.fcabill@csp.gov.za by or before 2 August 2021 (deadline extended from 6 July). Please also email your submission to Gun Free South Africa on info@gfsa.org.za so we can keep track of what people are saying.