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FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2026

I am **not** in favour of the amendments to the firearms act specifically related to the possession of digital blueprints.
There are already pre-existing legal constraints on manufacturing a gun without a license.
The law already covers the act of creating a weapon.

To have possession of digital blueprints or technical diagrams of firearms or parts of firearms should not be an offense as the person may never have considered creating a firearm and simply has the files for research or just a general interest.

The people writing this section appear to believe that you can get a technical document and produce a firearm by hitting print.

The definition of a digital blueprint is also very vague.

20 **digital blueprint** means any type of digital (or electronic) reproduction of a technical drawing of the design of an object.

possession, of a digital blueprint, includes the following:

- (a) possession of a computer or data storage device holding or containing the blueprint or of a document in which the blueprint is recorded;
- 25 (b) control of the blueprint held in a computer or data storage device that is in the possession of another person (whether the computer or data storage device is in or outside the Territory).

If you go to websites as listed below – **most** of the pictures are illegal to have on your computer based on the definition and the wording of the act.

NOTE : It is also illegal for those web sites to have those blueprints or documents.

<https://www.istockphoto.com/illustrations/gun-diagram>

<https://www.shutterstock.com/search/gun-diagram>

<https://images.royalarmouries.org/search/?searchQuery=%20Technical%20drawing>

<https://search.ipaustralia.gov.au/designs/search/result?s=1bdaaf41-c672-4177-b6c7-4d5dc169d088>

I am sure IP Australia will be surprised when they receive notice of the offense.

The result of these amendments is, if anyone has in their possession a digital file blueprint for a any part of a firearm, be it a small spring screw or a part of the decorative handle, they could be imprisoned for up to 14 years.

That includes any or all off the sites listed above which are a very small sample of the massive number of sites where such files are available.

Making possession of any and all schematics and technical drawings illegal would criminalize legitimate research, historical study, or academic work by hobbyists, engineers, or historians who download or store these files without intending to manufacture a weapon.

This will lead to over-regulation: and attempting to ban all potential "gun-shaped" files could lead to the banning of benign items, such as props for movies, gaming models, or educational materials.

There is very limited threat, and researchers argue that the technology is often overestimated, and that printing a safe, effective gun is much more complicated than simply downloading a file and hitting "print

The section that I object to.

Clause 10. Section 61B inserted

This clause inserts new section 61B to establish the offence of possession of digital blueprints for the manufacture of firearms. A person commits this offence if:

- The person intentionally produces, sells, distributes or possess a thing; and
- The thing is a digital blueprint for the manufacture of a firearm, or part of a firearm, on a 3D printer or an electronic milling machine.

Part of a firearm includes a silencer, or any other article related to a firearm that is prescribed by regulation. This clause also inserts new definitions for 'digital blueprint' and 'possession'.

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