

FIREARMS ACT — REFORM

**1311. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the recent release of a consultation paper regarding the proposed firearms amendment bill in the middle of the harvest season, during which time most farmers work very long days, providing them with limited time to commit to reviewing and providing input to the bill.

Will the government consider extending the consultation period that currently runs for four weeks and closes on 14 November to eight weeks?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the minister representing.

The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

Consultation on the proposed changes to the Firearms Act 1973 commenced in November 2021. In the nearly two-year period before the release of the consultation paper, more than 100 meetings were held with individuals, organisations, key stakeholders and regional communities. This included advice and feedback from the Primary Producers Firearms Advisory Board on behalf of farmers, growers and pastoralists to ensure that the proposed reforms will meet their requirements. I encourage farmers to engage with their peak bodies and make submissions on the proposed reforms before the end of the consultation period on 14 November 2023.