



SELF DEFENCE POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party believes all Australians have the right to defend themselves, their loved ones and their property from harm — whether at home, in public, or at work.

Recent events at Bondi have shown that police cannot always be there when people need protection most. Communities and individuals must not be left defenceless by laws that prevent them from acting to protect themselves.

New South Wales laws have become increasingly unreasonable, making it harder for people to defend themselves and more likely that victims who act in fear for their lives are treated as criminals. Innocent Australians should not be turned into helpless victims by government policy.

Our Party has long stood for this principle. Founder John Tingle introduced the Home Invasion (Occupants Protection) Bill 1995, which became law in 1998. It recognised the right of occupants to defend themselves, others and property inside their homes, and protected them from criminal liability where they acted on reasonable grounds.

That protection was repealed in 2002. Since then, successive governments have weakened the rights of people to defend themselves in their own homes. We believe Australians should have the right to protect themselves, their families and their property, with proper legal protection when they act in self-defence.

The 1996 National Firearms Agreement is now out of date. Self-defence should be restored as a genuine reason for firearm ownership for fit and proper citizens. Bondi changed everything. The law must now change too.



OUR ACTION PLAN

We will reintroduce a Bill to return home defence to NSW statute law allowing home defence and the use of force.

We will repeal the “reasonable force” provisions of the law that will result in the victim becoming the accused.

We will amend the Firearms Act 1996 to include self defence, defence of family, property and others, as a genuine reason for firearms ownership and self-defence in the home or business.

We will amend the law to allow for the possession and use of Pepper spray for self-defence. We recognise that many people may wish to access a non-lethal self-defence tool that will cause short-term incapacitation with no risk of serious long-term damage to an attacker.