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‘Real weapon’ gel blaster’s new guidelines

Local MPs Brittany Lauga and Barry O’Rourke have called for input about police recommendations relating to replicas and gel blasters that look like real weapons.

The Queensland Police Service made the recommendations after a disturbing spike in incidents involving the misuse of devices that look like real weapons.

Ms Lauga the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister said police are not calling for any kind of ban on these devices.

“There are a number of gel blaster dealers in this region, and the majority of these dealers and gel blaster owners are responsible and do the right thing.

“What police do recommend are common sense regulations that will support community safety.”

Mr O’Rourke, the Member for Rockhampton, said it is important to reinforce that anyone who transports a gel blaster that looks like the real thing or a replica firearm in public, then that item should be carried in a suitable bag or case, away from public view.

“Police recommend that owners of gel blasters that look like the real thing and replica firearms should keep them secured when stored at home.

“Police also have suggested the owners of gel blasters should have a reasonable excuse for their possession.

“A reasonable excuse would be, for example, that the owner of the gel blaster is a member of a gel blaster club and owns it for taking part in club activities.”

To provide feedback on the recommendations from police, visit www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au

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