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Lauga backs new gun law amendment

Gun owners in rural Central Queensland will benefit from changes to the Weapons Act passed through Parliament this week, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said today.

She supported the bill which proposes to expand the period for which a weapons licence can be suspended from 30 days to 90 days.

“The suspension period is designed to provide the licensee more time in which to demonstrate that they are in fact a fit and proper person (to hold a licence).

“When a person’s licence is suspended because they may no longer be a fit and proper person on the grounds of mental or physical health, the licensee may engage the services of a psychologist or a medical practitioner to demonstrate their fitness.”

Ms Lauga said the current statutory window of 30 days disadvantages licensees and is administratively burdensome for the police and QCAT.

“I support the amendment in the bill to the Weapons Act to extend the time for which a licensee can be suspended to 90 days.

“I met local grazier Russell recently who ... uses guns on his property to kill feral pigs and dogs.

“The amendments in this bill will help people like Russell.

“If they are notified that their gun licence has been suspended, they will have more time now to put their case together with the supporting evidence that they need.

“I think the amendments to the Weapons Act are common sense.

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“They are good for farmers and graziers, they are good for gun licence holders and they are good for the police and our courts,” said Ms Lauga

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