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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Lauga calls for reversal of guns decision

Graziers and other gun owners may be given access to arms and ammunition if an appeal by the Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga is successful.

Ms Lauga yesterday wrote to the Minister for Health the Hon. Steven Miles asking that a decision to close licensed armourers and licensed gun dealers be reversed.

“On 26 March 2020, the Chief Health Officer added licensed armourers and licensed dealers defined under the Weapons Act 1990 (Qld) to the list of non-essential businesses.

“I am very concerned about this decision because it will restrict the ability for law-abiding licensed armourers and dealers to carry out their business.”

Ms Lauga said these businesses, which are subject to rigorous licensing systems, supply weapons under the Weapons Act to farmers and graziers.

“Farmers will still need to shoot feral animals on their property, despite the COVID-19 outbreak.

“Farmers now can't get the ammunition and parts they need to humanely put down injured livestock and control vermin.”

She said if licensed armourers and dealers are exercising the same public health principles as other retail outlets which are permitted to still operate, then there is no reason why they should be considered a non-essential business.

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