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Sensible gun shop ban reversal welcomed by Lauga

A reversal of a Queensland direction to close gun shops has been welcomed by the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga.

Yesterday Ms Lauga wrote to Health Minister Steven Miles concerning a decision to close armourers, thereby preventing primary producers from buying guns and ammunition.

She said farmers still needed to shoot feral animals or humanely euthanise animals and asked the Minister to reconsider the decision.

“Today I’m pleased to announce that the Minister and his colleague Agriculture Minister Mark Furner have amended the direction so that licensed armourers and dealers will now be able to provide essential services to primary producers and other industries which rely on weapons to do their jobs.”

She said the latest direction from the Chief Health Officer allows licensed armourers and dealers to store, modify, repair, acquire or supply weapons and ammunition to specific groups.

“This decision is a sensible one.”

The direction also allows licensed armourers and licensed dealers to provide weapons and ammunition to:

- commercial pest controllers or feral animal controllers,
- vets,
- shark control contractors, and
- a number of other state and federal bodies.

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