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The Hon Chris Minns
NSW Premier
By email: premier@dpc.nsw.gov.au

Ms Kellie Sloane
Leader of the NSW Opposition
By email: liberal.leader@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Premier and Leader of the Opposition,

Support for world-leading strong gun reform

Thank you both for your work and for the work of the NSW Government in responding to and condemning the horrific antisemitic mass shooting at Bondi Beach. The Greens Party Room joins you in unified solidarity with the Jewish community during this time of unfathomable loss, grief and fear.

I write to offer support for the recall of the Parliament before the end of this year so that the people of NSW can be assured that we have the safest and highest standards of strong gun control possible.

We support amending the Firearms Act 1996, including section 11 subsection 5(A) to ensure that it is fit for purpose so that intelligence, criminal and otherwise, can be considered in the firearm licensing scheme.

You would now be aware of the ten-point plan of the Australian Gun Safety Alliance, who are Australia's leading public-health, community-safety and firearm-harm prevention organisations.

The parts of the ten-point plan relevant to NSW have the full support of the Greens, including:

- Further restrictions on high-capacity firearms, including magazines and rapid-reload capability
- No metropolitan home storage for non-occupational firearms
- Strict limits on the number of firearms, no more than 1 firearm per person unless circumstances justify more
- An explicit prohibition on children using firearms
- Robust, regular renewals of firearm licenses which must be in person and subject to intelligence checks
- Removal of recreational hunting as a "genuine reason" to obtain a firearm license
- An end to unlicensed shooting at ranges
- A total ban on political donations from the gun lobby in NSW

As the Greens MP with portfolio responsibility, and as a farmer living on rural land where guns do play a role, I bring these reforms to your attention out of a sincere and urgent desire to work together to progress tough, world-leading gun laws that can ensure lasting community safety and chart a path toward national reform.

I eagerly await draft legislation and I firmly believe we can pass comprehensive reforms through the NSW Parliament with unified, tripartisan support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 0428 227 363 at any time. You are both in my thoughts at this time of loss and grief.

Yours sincerely,



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