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GUNBUY BACK DEADLINE NEARS

The Member for Ipswich, Ms Rachel Nolan, is urging local handgun owners to surrender their weapons before the buyback scheme ends on June 30.

Ms Nolan said more than 83,000 handguns and handgun parts have been surrendered to police since the handgun buyback began in July last year.

“Compensation worth more than \$20 million has been paid to Queenslanders so that we could remove these handguns and associated parts from the community forever,” Ms Nolan said.

Ms Nolan said the successful handgun buyback would finish on 30 June this year.

New handgun restrictions came into force in July last year and handgun owners were given one year to comply and receive compensation under an amnesty.

The new legislation:

- **Bans high calibre handguns (above .38” or 9mm) for sporting shooters expect for accredited events;**
- **Bans short-barrelled handguns (under 12 cm for semi automatics) for sporting shooters but swapping and lengthening barrels will be permitted.**
- **Bans high capacity magazines for sporting shooters and possession of magazines without a license will be prohibited.**
- **Requires sporting shooters to participate in a minimum number of competitions per year; require clubs and new shooters to operation under a new scheme of graduated access;**
- **Enables the Police Commissioner to refuse/revoke a weapons licence because of criminal intelligence or other relevant information; and**
- **Further tighten weapons storage requirements.**

Licensed handgun owners who do not hand in their weapon or parts could face a penalty of up to \$4,500 or one year in jail.

Anyone seeking more information about the handgun buyback can ring a toll free number – 1800 358 312.