

Australia launches gun buyback plan

The Australian government plans the biggest gun buyback scheme in 30 years following the Bondi Beach mass shooting that killed 15 people

Advertising for firearms amnesty in 2017

PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS (Millions, 1996-2024)*

1996: 3,200,000 firearms. Port Arthur massacre leaves 35 people dead and prompts authorities to enact sweeping gun laws

Subsequent buyback and amnesty sees around 650,000 weapons destroyed



*Data up to 2017 includes estimates for illicit guns

2025: New gun buyback scheme will purchase surplus, newly banned and illegal firearms, and will be funded on 50-50 basis with states and territories

2024:
4,078,746
guns – 25%
higher than
in 1996

Picture: Attorney-General's Department

NATIONAL CABINET REFORM MEASURES

■ Impose limits on number of firearms held by any one individual

■ Restrict open-ended firearm licences

■ Limit types of firearms and firearm modifications that are legal in country

■ Make Australian citizenship a condition of holding firearm licence

■ Accelerate development of National Firearms Register

■ Expand use of criminal intelligence to assess firearm licensing eligibility