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DRAFT FIREARMS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL, 2021

As many of our members are aware, on Friday 21st May 2021, Government released the Preamble to the Draft Firearms Control Amendment Bill, 2021.

Officially at the time of releasing this media statement, the actual Bill itself has not as yet been publicised, although an unofficial “leaked” version has been doing the rounds over the weekend.

It is clear from the Preamble that the Bill is, and will be, very draconian, with the most pressing issue the fact that the right choose to own a firearm for self-defence licenced in terms of Section 13 has been removed.

How government could ever think about removing the right to choose to own a firearm for self-defence, when we are experiencing a severe crime rate and where even the police have previously admitted that they don't have sufficient capacity to protect all citizens, is completely inconceivable.

In SAGA's view, Government seems to be completely out of touch with reality and that Cabinet, Ministers and many government officials in high positions, who are protected on a daily basis by security teams and SAPS, paid for by tax payers, now wish to leave ordinary South Africans citizens unarmed and at the mercy of criminals.

SAGA will not take this lying down. SAGA's legal team will be preparing submissions in response to the Draft Bill and, if necessary, SAGA is prepared to take this matter to Court to protect its members and ordinary South African's right to choose a firearm for self-defence.

SAGA representatives are working through the documentation thus far released - and still due to be released - and will report back to members about what can be done to have their say about this Draft Bill and to help support SAGA's objections.

Now is the time for all firearm owners to unite, and if you are not a member of SAGA, join us on saga@saga.org.za.

SAGA believes in the right of law-abiding and responsible citizens to choose to own and use firearms for sport, self-defence, recreation and other legitimate purposes.

Please keep a look out for further releases from SAGA in the near future.

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