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Checklist for effective gun control in Aotearoa New Zealand

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Immediate

- a moratorium on sales, imports and advertising of semi-automatic weapons while the details of a permanent ban are put in place

Short term

- legislation that prohibits the possession*¹, sale, import and advertising of semi-automatic weapons*², high capacity magazines and related hardware, and also includes:
 - a buy-back programme for banned semi-automatic weapons, large capacity magazines, and related hardware;
 - the requirement that purchase of ammunition is contingent on production of a valid firearms license and one other form of photo identification, and restricted to the weapon type/s that are listed on the license;
 - a restriction on the amount of ammunition that can be purchased, and / or an alert system when any attempt is made to purchase excessive amounts of ammunition;
 - a register of all firearms;
 - a reduced period of time for re-licensing firearm owners - 3 years or less rather than 10 years;
 - permanent disabling of all restricted weapons such as privately held machine guns; and
 - stricter provisions for license vetting, licensing, and gun storage as recommended in the 1997 'Review of Firearms Control in New Zealand' (Thorp report);

*¹ with a short amnesty period for weapons, magazines and related hardware to be handed in for destruction

*² any semi-automatic weapon not included in the prohibition, and any weapon regardless of calibre that can fire more than two shots before re-loading is required, including all pump action shotguns, must be re-classified to require an 'E' category license endorsement

- checks on the registered owners of all semi-automatic weapons, including visits to review storage arrangements;
- consideration be given to the establishment of a fully resourced Independent Firearms Agency; and
- consideration be given to other recommendations in the Thorp report not listed above.

Longer term

- a review of the 2018 policy on firearms in schools, which was unduly influenced by the large proportion of firearms lobbyists and others with vested interests in promoting firearms on the Advisory Group;
- a ban on all advertising of, promotion of and sponsorship involving firearms, regardless of whether the firearm is banned or restricted, that is aimed at children or includes images of children; and
- provision for unannounced visits to all firearm license holders to check storage arrangements and any other issues considered important for public safety.