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**PRESS RELEASE**

# **New NSW Bail and Firearms Laws**

The Police Association of NSW has welcomed today's announcement by Premier Mike Baird, Minister for Justice and Police, Troy Grant and NSW Attorney General, Gabrielle Upton of changes to the state's bail and illegal firearms laws.

Police Association President, Scott Weber, said, "The Association supports the change to bail laws and putting further restrictions on firearms especially in the wake of the Martin Place siege.

"Any measures that make it more difficult for people with links to violent extremists to be granted bail when charged with a serious criminal offence are welcomed by police.

"Additional funding for police investigations of illegal firearms, and undercover operations is also a move in the right direction and helps police protect the people of NSW.

"A strong message is being sent to offenders that if they possess a stolen firearm they will now face a maximum of 14 years imprisonment under a newly created offence.

"The ban on possessing blueprints for firearms capable of being used by 3D printers, as well as unlicensed milling machines will have a direct impact on resources that could be used to incite fear and violence.

"These measures will help reduce the risk we all face in a world where lone-wolf terrorism has become a sad reality.

"We support the Government for showing leadership in cracking down on gun crime as well as the additional protections in the face of ongoing terrorism threats."

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