



YESTERDAY'S SHOOTING IN MELBOURNE

Calls from the anti-gun groups for tighter laws are to be expected, but obviously opportunistic as there is no way that the killer Hudson paid any regard to the existing, very tough gun laws.

Legal shooters already have very tight gun laws within which they must remain, and they do.

What really appals them is the fact that criminals seem to continue obtaining and using guns illegally with very little difficulty.

At the trial of the man who shot the notorious gunman Andrew Veniamin it was stated that the gun used was not of the type that Police knew Veniamin normally carried!

Why was he never stopped and charged with carrying an illegal handgun? Very easy to prove, no need for public witnesses and a 4 year sentence.

Our gun laws are among the toughest in the world and are very effective, to those who comply with them. What we now need to focus on are the groups using guns who do not comply to the laws.

Our key arguments are:

- The gun used (.45 semi -auto) is already banned in Australia.
- The killer would not be licensed to own a gun. He would be a "Prohibited Person".
- The gun would have been obtained illegally.
- The penalty for a Prohibited Person carrying an illegal pistol is 4 years jail.