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### **Greens MP Turns Her Back on Social Policy**

The International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH) has labelled as ill-considered New South Wales Greens MP Lee Rhiannon's demands for more firearm bans.

"As a representative of a party committed to social responsibility, Ms Rhiannon's insistence that the New South Wales Parliament should embark on yet another round of costly bans and buybacks is perplexing," said WiSH Chairwoman Ms Samara McPhedran.

Criminologists have highlighted the importance of carefully tailored policing strategies to combat recent gang-related crimes in Sydney 'hotspots', and have indicated that there is no evidence to support claims that gun laws reduce crime.

"Surely Ms Rhiannon must be aware that gun laws cannot touch the causes of violent crime."

"We expect better from the Greens. Banning legal firearms ownership is not an answer to violence in society, and does not improve public safety."

"It is disappointing that Ms Rhiannon advocates legislation as a desirable replacement for social programs, education, and support strategies. Ms Rhiannon is ignoring the very foundations upon which the Greens are built," Ms McPhedran stated.

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