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Gun Ban Call Puts Headlines Ahead of Heart

The International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH) has slammed the Australian Greens' demand for more gun bans in Australia following the horrific Virginia Tech shooting in the United States.

WiSH Chairwoman Dr Samara McPhedran said "With the United States in shock, families grieving for their loved ones, and a death toll that may yet rise, now is not the time to engage in political point scoring in Australia."

"It is appalling that the first response to a shooting in the US is not sympathy, but gun prohibitionists demanding more bans in Australia. This is nothing more than callous exploitation of the loss of human lives."

"Now is a time to show compassion, instead of cynically chasing headlines yet again. The Australian public are tired of politicians and anti-gun lobbyists using overseas tragedy to advance political and ideological agendas," said Dr McPhedran.

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