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Violence: Look for Solutions, Not Political Points

The International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH) have rejected calls by the Australian Greens for more gun bans in Australia following the tragic school shooting in Finland.

WiSH Chair Dr Samara McPhedran said "It is both predictable and distasteful that while other countries are expressing condolences, headline chasing politicians in Australia are demanding still more gun bans."

"Yet again, gun prohibitionists show little understanding of Australian or international firearms legislation."

"International scholars recently acknowledged that reducing social exclusion is likely to be more effective than gun laws in tackling violence. It is damning that a political party who pride themselves on a platform of social equality and compassion have turned their back on those very qualities," said Dr McPhedran.

"The appropriate course of action is for the Greens to express sympathy to Finland, rather than trying to gain attention for themselves in the lead up to an election."

"Instead of peddling prohibition, we should concentrate on working together to develop policies that reflect the concerns of youth."

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