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Dear Minister, Ms Cramsie and Ms Goward,

We awoke the other day to the tragic news about the insane shooting that took place on a small island in Norway.

The young people that were killed added up to 98.

Each one a life not yet lived.

This morning we read the account in the UK Sunday Times.

I had said to my wife that I hoped they would not list the number of people massacred, but they did. I had hoped that they would not list the other mass murders in recent times but they did.

I knew that this would give the next person something to aim for and I am sure that time will tell that this will be so.

I am still trying to deal with the fact that in Australia 'our home,' last week in the Sydney Morning Herald there was an article about the introduction of shooting as a school 'sport'.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/push-for-guns-in-schools-20110716-1hj5q.html>

I am not sure if anyone has worked out yet but high powered air rifles surely are capable of causing death.

It is almost inconceivable that we, Australia, would allow this to happen given Martin Bryant, number 3 on the list in the Times article, was also credited with the Australian Government restricting the sale of firearms. Perhaps someone should inform The Times that this has now been relaxed.

I suppose the thing in the article that really resonated with the situation the residents are confronting at Hill Top, due to the rifle range, is that, and I quote from page 3 of the article: 'More significantly, it emerged that he, (the mass murderer), is a member of the Oslo pistol club and has three weapons registered in his name: a Glock pistol, a rifle and a shotgun'.

I assume that this means that he was trained in firearm safety. I understand that Ivan Milat used to shoot at the Hill Top rifle range.

I know that this is about the emotional side to the Hill Top issue, and the result will be decided because of an issue of decibels rather than the emotional and chilling reality of people that have been killed by guns, in Australia and around the world, but when you pull out all the usual excuses that I am sure the gun lobby will be airing, the result is a lot of young people have had their lives ended. People who should have gone on to lead full and fruitful lives.

The one thing that is crucial to any other arguments of home life or any other argument whatsoever is the

gun.

Without the gun it is just a flawed person with many issues.

Add the gun and it can be very a different outcome.

Any excuses the gun lobby will give us over the next few days as to why it is not the gun that is the issue would sound hollow and obscene if they were read out at any of the 98 funerals that will be held in Norway over the next few days. It is the gun that killed these 98 young people.

I find it really difficult to accept that in Australia, a minority party gets its way because of a flawed political system, which allows the trading of democracy for political favours.

When will our politicians accept responsibility for the totality of their actions and not just the short term payoff?

Yours faithfully,

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