>Subject: A Word from Australia re: Firearms
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>Let there be no doubt, some of the liberals here will claim to know how to
>do it better...
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> Sent: Sunday, July 15, 2001 6:05 AM
> Subject: Worth repeating
> From: Ed Chenel, a police officer in Australia.
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>Hi Yanks,
>I thought you all would like to see the real figures from Down Under.
>It has now been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced by a
>new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by our own
>government, a program costing Australia taxpayers more than $500 million
>dollars.
>The first year results are now in:
>Australia-wide, homicides are up 3.2 percent, Australia-wide, assaults are
>up 8.6 percent; Australia-wide, armed robberies are up 44 percent (yes, 44
>percent!) In the state of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now
>up 300 percent. (Note that while the law-abiding citizens turned them in,
>the criminals did not and criminals still possess their guns!)
>While figures over the previous 25 years showed a steady decrease in armed
>robbery with firearms, this has changed drastically upward in the past 12
>months, since the criminals now are guaranteed that their prey is unarmed.
>There has also been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the
>elderly. Australian politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety
>has decreased, after such monumental effort and expense was expended in
>"successfully ridding Australian society of guns."
>You won't see this data on the American evening news or hear your governor
>or members of the state Assembly disseminating this information.
>The Australian experience proves it. Guns in the hands of honest citizens
>save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws affect only the
>law-abiding citizens.
>Take note Americans, before it's to late!
>FORWARD TO EVERYONE ON YOUR EMAIL LIST!
>DON'T BE A MEMBER OF THE SILENT MAJORITY AND LET THE VOCAL MINORITY LET
>THIS HAPPEN IN THE U.S.

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