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Hi friends, 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 on the Canadian evening news or hear your Member of Parliament 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 Canadians, before it's too late!**

FORWARD TO EVERYONE ON YOUR EMAIL LIST. [ I DID ]

DON'T BE A MEMBER OF THE SILENT MAJORITY.

BE OF THE VOCAL MINORITY WHO WON'T LET THIS HAPPEN IN CANADA.