



HISTORICAL ARMS and MILITARY SOCIETY of TASMANIA

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Dear Paul


Recently proposed amendments to the Firearms Act 1996 were received for advice and comment. As a result, the committee forwarded the proposed amendments to members their information. Members were encouraged to contact the Firearms Services directly with questions or forward their thoughts, positive or negative to the committee where a society response was to be formulated.

As a result, I wish to advise the following.

- Generally, the members were supportive of the amendments as it appears they are targeted at criminal activity and our society is very supporting of these initiatives.
- The ability of Police to issue infringement notices for minor firearm offences was supported, however there was request for clarification as to whether a points system was proposed for these offences?
- In the event lever action shotguns, which have more than a capacity of five cartridges, clarification was requested if they will be (d)? In this event will owners be compensated, or will they be allowed to exchange their extended magazines?
- In section 29, Where it states Motorcycle Gangs, could consideration be given for adding any person convicted of a firearm crime to be refused a firearm licence?
- Section 129, members requested clarification of the definition of "blueprints" as opposed to exploded views or publications of firearms. As the purpose of these publications is to assist licenced dealers with replacing or repairing worn firearm parts the open display if these could be confused with "blueprints" result in unnecessary allegations.

The society is appreciative of having the opportunity to respond to these amendments and very supportive of any measures that will target criminal activity to protect legitimate firearm owners. We request this correspondence be included in the review of the proposed amendments.

Kind regards


D Cowle
(Secretary)
(President)