

FIREARMS ACT — REFORM — CONSULTATION

1473. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the firearms ownership reforms, as proposed under the Firearms Act review, that were released for public consultation.

- (1) Can the minister please advise why no advice, by email or post, was provided to individual firearms licence holders regarding the proposed changes?
- (2) Can the minister please provide the dates and venues of the forums that individual firearms licence holders were able to attend as part of the consultation process?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

- (1) As part of almost two years of public consultation on firearms reforms, the Western Australian public—both licensed firearms owners and non-firearms licence holders, all of whom have an interest in public safety—were notified of the proposed firearms reforms via the following means.

I have to have a sip of water.

Hon Dr Steve Thomas: You're exhausted already!

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON: Indeed.

Hon Dr Steve Thomas: Do you want to swap jobs?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON: The Leader of the Opposition is more exhausted than me! The answer continues as follows.

The public was notified through engagement with the Western Australian Firearms Community Alliance, which represents some individual firearms licence holders, clubs, dealers, collectors and the broader firearms community; the Western Australian Primary Producers Firearms Advisory Board, consisting of representatives from the Western Australian Farmers Federation, Pastoralists and Graziers Association of Western Australia, Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemen's Association, vegetablesWA and Wines of Western Australia; ministerial media briefings or statements; the Western Australia Police Force website, including via the firearms licensing service's blogsite; the state government website; and media advertisements in all mainstream media, including newspapers, radio, television and online sites.

- (2) The information is in tabular form and I seek leave to have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Stakeholder Groups	Date	Venue/Address
Public Consultation Session – Albany	31/03/2022	102 North Road, Yakamia
Public Consultation Session – Kalgoorlie	31/03/2022	35 Cheetham Street, Kalgoorlie
Public Consultation Session – Carnarvon	01/04/2022	Gwoonwardu Mia (Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre), 146 Robinson Street, Carnarvon
Public Consultation Session – Geraldton	01/04/2022	Batavia Coast Conference Centre (The Gerald Hotel), 25 Cathedral Avenue, Geraldton
Public Consultation Session – Broome	02/04/2022	Broome Lotteries House 20 Cable Beach Road East, Broome
Public Consultation Session – Karratha	02/04/2022	Karratha Leisureplex (Millars Well Pavilion), Dampier Highway, Pegs Creek
Public Consultation Session – Kununurra	03/04/2022	Kununurra Leisure Centre Hall, 115 Coolibah Drive, Kununurra
Public Consultation Session – Hillarys	05/04/2022	Flinders Park Community Centre (Main Hall), 137 Broadbeach Avenue, Hillarys
Public Consultation Session – Guildford	07/04/2022	Guildford Town Hall, 97-99 James Street, Guildford
Public Consultation Session – Bunbury	08/04/2022	Chamber of Commerce, 15 Stirling Street, Bunbury
Public Consultation Session – Busselton	08/04/2022	City of Busselton (Undalup Room), 47 Bussell Highway, West Busselton
Public Consultation Session – Northam	08/04/2022	Northam Town Hall, 83 Wellington Street East, Northam
Public Consultation Session – Narrogin	08/04/2022	Dryandra Country Visitors Centre (Narrogin Visitors Centre), Fairway Street and Park Street Narrogin

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Public Consultation Session – Rockingham	12/04/2022	Gary Holland Community Centre, 19 Kent Street, Rockingham
Public Consultation Session – Cannington	14/04/2022	303 Sevenoaks Street, Cannington
