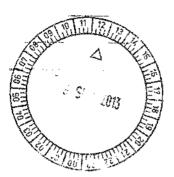
6th September 2013

The Chair

Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation

11th September 2013

Inquiry into the Firearms Amendment Regulations 2013



Dear Chair,

I am writing to you to ask you to reverse the decision to increase the fee's payable for licensing firearms or firearm associated collections. I am on a very limited income after a motor vehicle accident and wish to appeal all of the recent increases in the charges for licensing firearms or firearm collections. I do not see any reason for the recent fee increases.

I have finally found a sport that I am able to compete in with all ages of competitors fairly equally. Now the government want to make it much more expensive and I will be forced to stop my only opportunity to belong to a group of clubs that interest me because of the cost increases. I find it very difficult to pay the fees and charges for my different firearm licenses, the new fee increases make it nearly impossible to pay for.

There needs to be a discount structure on having multiple firearms for the sport enthusiast!! Not fee increases!!

Why has the new fee for an application for an additional firearm licence increased to more than double the previous fee? What has changed to make it so much more expensive to obtain a licence?

No other sport has to contend with such enormous fee increases!

Regards,

Paul Barrett