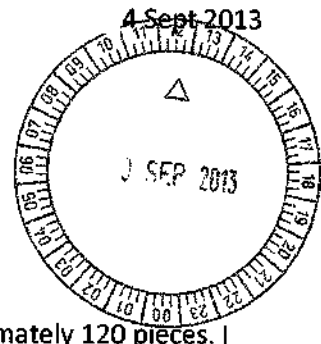


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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a long time collector of historical firearms with a collection of approximately 120 pieces. I frequently buy additional firearms often with the aim to upgrade to items in better condition where I subsequently sell the less desirable pieces. My collecting activities are severely impacted by this dramatic increase of the license fee for additions to my collectors license.

I am a member of the Western Australian Arms & Armour Society (Inc.) and consider myself a serious collector. I and other collectors preserve historically important artifacts and document their use in various theaters of war. My collection is of museum quality and is stored in a purpose built highly secure gun room monitored by a security company. Collectors like me perform an important function in society. Most mainstream museums like the Western Australian Museum are not able to perform this function.

The so called "Noting Fee" of the WA Police for additional firearms on collectors licenses was until recently \$72.50 and has now been increased to \$179.20. As I have already been found to be a fit and proper person to own 120 firearms it is difficult to understand how the WA Police can justify the cost of \$179.20 for noting an additional firearm on my license.

Could you please help to overturn this outrageous increase of license fees for additions to collectors licenses?

Thanks and best regards

Tom Hunter