



Dear the Chair,

I wish to convey to you my extreme disappointment at the recent firearms licence Fee increases as of July 1st 2013.

In particular in my case have already had my firearms licence for many years the increase in fees for an addition to a existing licence where the fee has increased from \$72.50 to \$169.50.

It seems to me that the current liberal government is trying to prevent people from enjoying a legitimate sport and pastime.

I can remember no longer than 4 years ago when the licensing was carried out at my local police station. We had one senior police officer who would carry out the licensing applications once a week (on a Thursday night). The cost for an addition during this time was I believe around \$28.50 for a addition. With the old system a category A firearm could be licensed / processed the same day as purchased, with a category B firearm having a 28 day period for processing.

Since the supposed "upgrade" of the licensing system in 2009 the application process is now carried out by Australia Post, which I believe is a major risk of firearms owners personal details being at risk of falling into the wrong hands. Processing times now range from 30 days to 90 days in some cases. With the current ineffective and compromised system (As highlighted by the auditor general in his report on the licensing system) Fees have increased from July 1st 2013 by more than 100% in most cases. As your are reviewing the price hikes you will see firsthand just how much they have been increased.

Below is a list of the fees for a addition from other states post July 1st.

WA- \$169.50

SA- \$59\$

NSW- \$40

Vic- \$9.20

As you can see there is a vast difference in fees per state- Whether this highlights other states such as Victoria having a better, more streamlined licensing system is one possibility.

One more thing I will say is that do you believe if this type of extreme Fee increase was carried out in any other licensing system that those affected would not be voicing their concerns. We are a targeted minority, whose culture and passion for our chosen sports and recreational activities are continually targeted.

I look forward to your reply, I hope you can see reason when reviewing these issues raised.

Kind regards

A concerned firearm owner.