



To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing this note to voice my disgust and anger at the fee hikes that have been implemented in WA.

In accordance with recent reports, the entire WA firearm licensing system has been declared ineffectual by recent Government reports. I have seen it first hand and I completely agree with this statement.

Please take a moment of your time and gather the facts that are available regarding the fees that other states charge for their licences etc etc. You cannot seriously justify the fee hikes in WA when in some states the fees are below \$10 in some instances.

I think these fees are unfair and that they are aimed at frustrating Law Abiding Firearm Owners. The fee hikes are aimed at getting prospective Law Abiding Firearm Owners out of the sport before they even get into it. The fees make the sport of recreational shooting very unattractive.

I am originally from WA but currently reside in the NT. The NT has an excellent licensing system and a common sense approach to fees. In the near future I will be returning to WA for work commitments and I am very disheartened at what I am to expect upon having to become a registered WA firearm owner again.

Someone needs to address this fee hike issue. It is unaffordable for most people and it is unjustified to charge so much money for a "service" that is lacking to start with.

Get with the times WA. Sporting shooting and hunting has been an Australian tradition for well over one hundred years. It is about time you embraced this culture instead of trying to snuff it out.

How'd about targeting the criminal elements with harsher fines to cover the costs that you are blatantly trying to grab.

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