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To The Chair,

I am writing to express my utter disgust at the new firearms licencing fee increases, this is a direct attack on the 80,000 plus law abiding firearms holders in the state of Western Australia.

The long arms registry serves no useful purpose to the public safety and being forced to pay exorbitant compulsory fees to acquire an additional firearm to control vermin, as required by law, on my own property and properties of other hard working, tax paying farmers is nothing short of extortion.

The government implemented the registry as well as the inefficient changes to the way the registry is now operated and updated and are now passing the exorbitant costs to those of us that are forced to participate in this system, this government is also about to waste tax payers and law abiding citizens money on a new registry to the tune of 18 million dollars that will do nothing to solve crime or illegal firearms in the hands of criminals.

In Western Australia it now costs \$169 to put an additional firearm on an existing licence, in Victoria the same process costs \$9.20 this alone shows that the Western Australian system is not being run efficiently and why the licencing fees and indeed the registry for long arms, scrapped.

For my wife and I to add a \$500 .22 rifle to our existing licences to control rabbits on our own property as required by law, the fees amount to additional \$338 cost, this is exorbitant and needs to be stopped .

Sincerely

Vance Crotty

