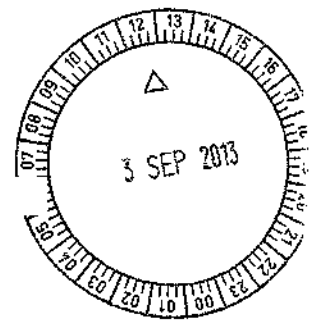


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Dear Chairperson,

I believe the increases to the currently proposed WA Police Firearms Licenses are not only unfair, but unscrupulous in that the WA Police is not a revenue creating business of government, but a service to the community.

To state that these costs must be borne by the Law Abiding Firearms Owners is as ridiculous as asking the criminals who are arrested by the police to pay for their fair to the lock up.

If the WA Police are, unlike the other states and territories of Australia, unable to manage a simple licensing program, perhaps the system should be handed over to a more competent authority in licensing matters?

At best this seems like a money grab by the West Australian Government, at worse it screams of long standing ineptitude by a West Australian Government Service.

These increases are most severe on the pensioners in our community who need the companionship and mental challenges provided through their interest in shooting, this is what keeps them active and social, a fact that has proven time and time again by the medical fraternity to keep them in a fitter state of mind and body, thus keeping them out of hospitals and aged care, this in itself is a huge financial gain for the government and should be encouraged, not stridently opposed and challenged, but accepted and promoted.

Such a fee increase will no doubt see a decrease in the attendance at clubs of these venerable individuals, so I truly hope that any minor gains that the government coffers receive are ploughed back into aged care, because it will be needed, more than before.

Also, what will these increases do to affect the criminals who do not have a license to possess their firearms?

Yours truly,

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