

The Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation  
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Dear Chair

I am writing to register my frustration and anger over the huge fee increase for the licensing of firearms in WA.

I am a member of the Sporting Shooter's Association, an organisation of nearly 8,000 members and 70 clubs in WA and over 150,000 members nationally.

I consider the fee increases to be excessive, particularly in comparison to other states where a service that costs \$170 in WA costs between \$10 and \$40 elsewhere. To add insult to injury the level of service in WA is dismal with excessive delays in processing applications etc.

It is my understanding that the fee increases are being justified as "cost recovery" but in effect we are simply paying for a flawed and inefficient system that is incapable of performing its intended function. Much of the data recorded within the system is inaccurate, missing or out dated.

The lodgement of applications via on line documents is a frequent source of frustration. System failure, lack of two way communication with licencing authorities and lost applications are regularly experienced by applicants.

When compared to firearms owners in other states we are paying an excessive price for a vastly inferior service. The recent increases should be halted and both the cost structure and level of service brought into line with other states.

Respectfully yours,

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