



The Chair,

Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to protest the recent massive increases in fees attached to firearm acquisitions etc.

I have written to MLC and had replies along the line of 'shooters have been subsidized by the licensing dept'. "Subsidized"—rubbish! We never asked for the fool licensing system that was foisted on us. The recent review of the firearm licensing said out loud the system was a total dud. So it is the fault of the gun owners apparently who are now told to pay more to cover the cost of a new system. What! And to be supplied by the cheapest quote no doubt? Cost recovery? To add a firearm to a licence in Victoria cost less than \$10.

How about some responsibility here? The parties who set up this dangerous system with its inherent security weaknesses (via Australia Post) should be made to pay at least by being sacked.

Use some commonsense scrap the registry of long arms the same as CANADA and NEW ZEALAND have with no blazing out breaks of crime. Sad as the figure is but less than 4% of unlawful killings in the US are done with rifles.

Firearm owners in Australia are fed up with being blamed for every shot fired by every criminal gang and being put to further expense every time the politicians' are required by the media to "do something". Well do something and

- revoke these fees and show some trust in us and display the courage
- To dump the long arms register and to hell what the Greens and 'Sunrise' (media) think.

Sincerely,

~~Alfred R. Frater~~ (former prison officer)