

The Chair,

I wish to bring to your attention my disappointment at the recent increase for firearms license additions from **\$72.50** to **\$169.50**.

It seems to me like the Liberal government is trying to prevent people from enjoying a **legitimate sport**.

Just four years ago when the licensing was managed by local police stations the license fee for an addition was around **\$28.50** despite the fact that the licensing took time away from multiple front line police officers. Since October 2009 the system has been administered by Australia Post, the licensing fees under the new system were originally \$66 and have increased already to date to \$72.50. Why is an increase to \$169.50 justifiable when the system is generally less efficient for the applicant and less time intensive for the police? I don't mind paying for good service but so far we are not receiving it. I received better service 4 years ago for a \$28.50 fee. Under the old system, category A firearms were processed on the same day by your local police station. Category B firearms took a minimum of 28 days. Under the new ineffective system, it can take up to 8 weeks for even an addition of a category A firearm, an increase of 56 days or 5600%, for a cost of 130% more. This is insane.

I feel all law abiding firearm owners are being **victimised** as an attempt to push participants out of a **legitimate sport**. We are a targeted minority, in the hope we will just roll over and take it.

We already had the most expensive licensing system in Australia and also one of the most restrictive and least effective. Here is a list of what other states pay for an addition to a firearm license:

WA: \$72.50

SA: \$ 59

NSW: \$40

VIC: \$ 9.20

How was it already justified that I paid me nearly 8 times as much as a Victoria shooter to get an additional firearm for sporting purposes, let alone the new increase of 130%.

I am looking forward to your reply.

A concerned firearm owner.

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