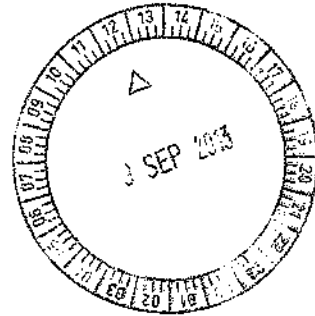


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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to draw your attention to the extortionate increase (147%) in fees and charges the state government through the Police department is levying on responsible licensed shooters.

I am a licensed shooter as well as a licensed Firearms Dealer. I understand and appreciate that fees and charges do increase from time to time however, this massive increase in fees cannot be warranted. Especially in light of the recent report from the Auditor General which highlighted the inefficiencies of the current policies and management of the licensing system.

I myself have made numerous complaints to Licensing due to their unreasonable requirements, delays in processing applications and updating licenses following disposals of firearms, in effect I will soon be paying even more for a service I am not receiving!

As Secretary and an active member of a SSAA supported branch I shoot in several disciplines that require different calibres and types of firearm.

The costs of changing, updating and replacing these firearms has become a major issue especially since the Police Department relinquished the responsibility of licensing applications to the Post Office which resulted an increase in the fee for an additional firearm from \$27.00 up to \$72.50.

If you look at fees for licensing / additions to firearms licence in the Eastern States and the service that is provided to their customers you would understand that there is no justifiable reason for such increases here in Western Australia.

The fact is that this rise in fees is outrageous and should not be implemented.

Kind regards,

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