

Submission to:
Tasmanian House of Assembly Select Committee
on Firearms Legislation and Policy

No Need for Change

As a registered rural firearms owner with 60 years' experience in their use, the current Tasmanian firearm regulations get the balance about right.

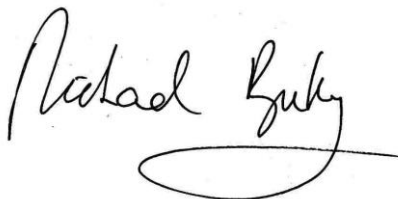
The rigorous training, licensing, categorisation and renewal regime, although demanding, strikes the correct balance between permitted usage and public safety.

It is also essential that the Tasmanian firearms regime continues to comply with the National Firearms Agreement (NFA) in order to ensure the relatively low rate of firearms offences Australia-wide. Failure to comply with the terms of the NFA will weaken the agreement and is something for which Tasmania will be held in future contempt.

Having undergone the Tasmanian training regime and licensing requirements, I can only compliment Tasmania Police on their enforcement and assistance. Any licence holder (or potential licence holder) can contact the firearms service for a rapid response to any query thus avoiding any opportunity for misunderstandings of the regulations.

When purchasing or exchanging firearms, I have found that registered firearms dealers are scrupulous in ensuring compliance with the regulations. This is as it should be, and it should be comforting for the general public to know that such compliance is not only adhered to but strictly enforced.

The Tasmanian firearms regime ain't broke – so please don't fix it.



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