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NSW GOVERNMENT CONGRATULATES NSW POLICE ON LATEST WEAPONS SEIZURE

The NSW Government has today congratulated the NSW Police Force on the seizure of numerous firearms, firearms parts and ammunition during raids on the Mid North Coast and in Sydney.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher said the hard work of our officers is leading to tremendous results.

“In the three months Operation Spartan has been in place there have been more than 300 arrests and more than 500 charges laid.

“This is the second gun important operation that NSW Police have single handily smashed and they should be wholeheartedly congratulated by the entire nation.

“This is a national issue, criminals are not restricted by state borders and postcodes.

“This latest highly organised gun importation operation highlights the need for a stronger national approach to getting guns off our streets.

“The focus must be on improving border security and stemming the influx of weapons into the country.

“I have written to the Federal Government expressing the need for urgent further cooperation to cut the supply of guns reaching the streets.

“Our officers in NSW are working tirelessly to make our streets safer, but greater effort is needed by the Federal Government to prevent illegal firearms being brought into this country,” Minister Gallacher concluded.

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