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What's New

Release of the National Firearms Agreement

The National Firearms Agreement (Agreement) has been updated and agreed upon by all jurisdictions.

The updated Agreement can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.ag.gov.au/CrimeAndCorruption/Firearms/Documents/2017-national-firearms-agreement.pdf>

All jurisdictions understand the importance of appropriately regulating firearms and the updated Agreement maintains a balanced approach to the regulation of firearms.

In summary, the key changes include the Agreement being streamlined to make it easier to read and understand and the incorporation of the National Handgun Agreement and other national police ministerial decisions so the Agreement is now the single reference point for firearms regulation in Australia.

Lever action shotguns were also reclassified by the Agreement. Under the original Agreement, all lever action shotguns were classified as Category A firearms where as under the new Agreement lever action shotguns are classified as follows:

- Category B – Lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity no greater than five rounds.
- Category D – Lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity greater than five rounds.

To implement the above lever action shotgun reclassification within NSW, legislative amendments to the *NSW Firearms Act 1996* will be required. This will affect some owners of lever action shotguns.

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The legislative amendment has not yet occurred within NSW to give effect to the reclassification, therefore, all licence holders in possession of a lever action shotgun are authorised to continue to possess and use their firearm in accordance with the authority and conditions of their respective licence.

The NSW Police Force Firearms Registry will notify affected firearm licence holders in writing once further details are available and decisions on timeframes and options available to affected firearm licence holders have been finalised.

Any enquiries on this matter can be submitted via the Contact Us page on this website.