

Firearms Registry Consultative Council - Communique 4

Meeting of 10 December 2021

Acting Assistant Commissioner Kirsty Haywood, Police Prosecutions and Licensing Enforcement Command (PPLEC), welcomed all members to the fourth meeting of the Firearms Registry Consultative Council.

Firearms Registry update

An overview of Gun Safe transactions completed to date (as of December 2021) was provided being:

- Over 100,000 Gun Safe transactions completed to date.
- Seventy thousand dealer transactions completed with 316 dealers on boarded

Further Gun Safe enhancements are in the pipeline including:

- When the Firearms Registry requests further information from a customer, the communication will happen within Gun Safe rather than by email. Customers will be notified by SMS (if they have provided a mobile phone number previously) and by email
- Realtime application status updates so a customer can track the progress of their application

As of 30 November 2021, over 5,500 firearms were handed in under the National Firearm Amnesty. Crime Stoppers NSW and Australia are promoting the program.

Members were advised that the Firearms Registry were recruiting for a Manager, Licensing Services. This role will manage the Customer Service and Adjudication streams.

Industry / Sector update

An overview of high-performance reviews was given.

Consultation paper – Firearm Legislative Proposals

The Council was given a presentation on a range of legislative proposals.

There was discussion on the 'SENSITIVE: CABINET' classification of the document.

Mandatory attendance for approved hunting organisations

A paper on mandatory attendances for approved hunting organisations was raised and an out-of-session working group was formed to discuss this and other mandatory participation requirements.

Category C legislative proposal

A paper was presented on whether primary producers could extend the use of Category A/B firearms to parcels of land other than their own or neighbouring, and whether a person managing a property, as a family member rather than an employee, satisfies the Category C requirements.

Where can I find more information?

www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms

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Photo identification

A paper on photo identification for licence cards was presented and members were asked to provide to the Firearms Registry licence or permit types (e.g. dealers licences or minors' permits) as options to transition from paper to card licences.

The following matters were raised in general business:

- Nominees on range approvals
- Groupings of particular firearms to simplify of mandatory participation requirements
- Customer identification numbers
- The issuance of section 28(g) permits for certain government agencies
- COVID regulation package to extend to 15 April 2022 for mandatory participation requirements
- Classification of handgun magazines

The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 2022.