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RE: National Firearms Register consultation

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) is recognised as the principal non-government organisation for public health in Australia working to promote the health and well-being of all Australians. It is the pre-eminent voice for the public's health in Australia and seeks to drive better health outcomes through increased knowledge, better access and equity, evidence informed policy and effective population-based practice in public health.

We 100% support the establishment of a National Firearms Register that allows for:

1. Consistent registration process and information being captured and stored.
2. Providing real time, cross the board access for law enforcement officers around Australia to information on all firearms recorded to the registry.
3. Adequate resourcing and prioritisation by all state and territory, and federal law enforcement agencies.
4. The data on the registry to be regularly and transparently reported (depersonalised) for research and policy analysis purposes.

We also recommend that all states and territories add \$10 to the annual Shooters licence fee for the purpose of funding proper research and policy analysis relating to firearms safety across Australia. This work is best conducted independent of Government. Currently there is so little resource available to those assessing and promoting firearm safety in Australia, that the enormous imbalance that exists between the resources of those promoting gun ownership and the interest of shooters, there is a risk of Australia slowly following in the footsteps of the failed model of the USA.

I hope these points are useful to your endeavours.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Slevin'.

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