



Honourable William Byrne,
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Dear Minister,

On behalf of the executive and members of Shooters Union Queensland, I offer our congratulations on your appointment as Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, and Minister for Corrective Services.

Shooters Union Queensland is an apolitical, member-based organisation that represents the approximately 200,000 legitimate firearm users in the state. The membership of our 25 branches and activity groups draws on a cross-section of the community who share an interest in sensible firearms legislation that enhances the safety of Queenslanders. Members and supporters include law enforcement, members of the military (including reserve forces), primary producers, sporting shooters and feral pest controllers.

We seek to work productively with you, your office and your departments on issues of shared interest. For example, we advocate, and have public support for, increased penalties for the crimes of stealing a firearm and committing offences with stolen firearms. These are issues that, unfortunately, the previous government did not wish to address.

Our focus is on sensible legislation covering the licensing, use and storage of firearms. To that end, our executive and volunteer advisors have been involved in Ministerial firearms consultative groups under both Labor and LNP Governments. Our non-partisan advice, on the issues affecting shooters and the impact of proposed legislation on this group has been well received by government and the wider community.

We believe there may be opportunities to work together and to provide reasoned input in an area that falls within our expertise, and thus avoid the alienation of the thousands of legitimate firearms owners throughout Queensland.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to introduce ourselves and reiterate our support for the government's efforts to reduce crime and formulate sensible and workable policy in relation to firearms issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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