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Dear Mr Gale

Recently it has come to the attention of Firearms Branch staff that there may be some confusion regarding legislative requirements for Class and Purpose of Use endorsements on shooting club member firearm licences.

For clarification purposes the following information has been compiled and offered for your information and dissemination to all South Australian shooting clubs and associations.

Pursuant to the Firearms Act 1977 and Firearms Regulations 2008, active shooting members of a firearms club who have a personal firearm licence endorsed with Class/s A, B, C or H are required to have purpose of use 1 ((a) use as a member of a shooting club—1) for the appropriate Class/s in which they are active.

A firearms club recognised by the Minister must be approved for any activity/discipline conducted on the grounds of that club where the activity/discipline involves the use of a firearm.

A member of a recognised firearms club who uses a firearm as a member of the club must have a current firearm licence endorsed for that purpose.

Copies of the relevant sections have been reproduced below for your information.

13—Provisions relating to firearms licences

(1) A firearms licence may authorise possession of a particular firearm or firearms of a particular class, and must be endorsed by the Registrar with the purpose or purposes for which that firearm or firearms of that class may be used by the holder of the licence.

(2) A firearms licence can only be endorsed with a purpose or purposes prescribed by regulation or approved by the Registrar pursuant to the regulations.

11—Purposes for which firearms may be used

(1) A firearms licence must be endorsed by the Registrar with the purpose or purposes for which the firearm or firearms of the class or classes authorised by the licence may be used by the holder of the licence.

(2) Subject to this regulation, one or more of the following purposes may be endorsed on a firearms licence:



- (a) use as a member of a shooting club—1;*
- (b) target shooting—2;*
- (c) hunting—3;*
- (d) paint-ball shooting—4;*
- (e) use in relation to carrying on the business of primary production or in the course of employment by a person who carries on such a business—5;*
- (f) use in the course of carrying on the business of guarding property or use in guarding property in the course of employment by a person who carries on that business—6;*
- (g) collecting and displaying firearms;*
- (h) such other purpose as is approved by the Registrar—7.*

In summary, a member of a shooting club who actively participates in any approved shooting activity/discipline on the grounds of a recognised club which involves the use of Class A, B, C or H firearms is required to have his/her firearm licence endorsed with the appropriate Class/s and Purpose of Use 1.

Should an active shooting club member not have their current personal firearm licence appropriately endorsed with the appropriate Class/s and purpose of use 1 (club use), that person should complete and submit to Firearms Branch for consideration of approval, an application to vary a licence form - Form PD307.

Any club or association member who requires their personal firearm licence varied to include additional Class/s and purpose of use will be required to attend at their local Police Station with a completed PD 307 form and 100 points of identification.

As a component of the variation process, Firearms Branch staff will forward to the applicant all relevant or required details to assist in the satisfactory completion of the variation.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above or other club related issues, please feel free to contact either Tom Afford on 7322 3426 or Colin Waters on 7322 3427.

Yours sincerely



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