



# **FIREARMS POLICY**



## WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Commonwealth Government has no Constitutional authority for the legislation and regulation of firearms laws other than those which apply to the Customs Act. Our firearms policies, Federal and State, should be based on one fact - criminals do not obey the law. As such, the vast majority of our rules and regulations must be focused on the use of illegal firearms, not the persecution of law abiding firearms owners



## OUR ACTION PLAN

1. Review the 1996 National Firearms Agreement of COAG.
2. Oppose the establishment of a Commonwealth Firearms Registry, or any other interference by the Commonwealth in the constitutional authority of the States to legislate the ownership and use of firearms.
3. Remove Federal red tape regulation for firearms imports where relevant State and Territory requirements have been met.
4. Support and promote Australian firearm manufacturers and suppliers for domestic supply and government contracts.
5. Expand self-defence rights and non-lethal means of protection.
6. Support and promote national education and safety programs for responsible firearms ownership and use.
7. Increase funding to 'Shooting Australia'.
8. Introduce mandatory sentencing for Commonwealth firearms offences.