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Today Tonight's 'utter nonsense'

Channel Seven has come under fire over a story that went to air on its current affairs program, Today Tonight.

The Combined Firearms Council of Victoria says that the story, which aired on Tuesday night, could be interpreted as linking licensed gun ownership with gun related crimes.

“The story identified the number of licensed shooters in Victoria and Queensland, and then the number of gun related offences in these states. The logic that flows from this is that if you hold a licence, then you are likely to cause a gun related offence – and this is an utter nonsense,” CFCV President Sebastian Ziccone said.

Today Tonight's website shows that the program aired comments from the Coalition for Gun Control, but not from shooting organisations.

“The story could have carried significantly more credibility if it reported comments from recognised shooting representatives, such as an Olympic representative, NSW MP John Tingle, the Australian Shooting Association, any number of shooting bodies or ourselves,” he said.

“We're all listed in the phone book.”

Mr Ziccone said he would welcome the opportunity to debate the issue with gun control advocates on air

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