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GUN RESTRICTIONS 'USELESS' WITHOUT PROPER ENFORCEMENT, SAY SHOOTERS

Handgun laws introduced after the Monash University shootings will become useless unless they are properly enforced, according to the Combined Firearms Council of Victoria.

CFCV Vice President, Bill Paterson said that the release on bail late last week of an alleged murderer with an unregistered handgun modified to fit a silencer, made a mockery of Victoria's new handgun laws.

"What is the point of bringing in new laws and forcing hundreds of shooters to stand in the wind and rain to surrender handguns that are used for perfectly legitimate reasons if the real criminals, even if only alleged, are allowed to go free on bail ?" he said.

"Taxpayers would not be impressed that their millions of dollars have been spent on a scheme that is not going to produce the sorts of outcomes that the Government promised" The CFCV has also asked the Police Commissioner to explain how another high profile associate of underworld figures was reportedly found to have had a number of unregistered handguns seized but not charged under the Firearms Act.

"Why was that person not charged with any offences ?" Mr Paterson asked.

"There is no point in bringing in gun laws if they are not going to be effectively enforced," he said.

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