



## **AUSSIE SHOOTERS OLYMPIC TRIUMPH HIGHLIGHTS PM'S BROKEN PROMISE**

Shooters say that the outstanding performance of Australian shooters at the Olympics highlights the plight of shooters in the non-Olympic international shooting disciplines.

“Up until recently we had shooters in all disciplines who could compete and win against the best in the world”, Vice President of the Combined Firearms Council of Victoria, Bill Paterson said.

“Now thanks to arbitrarily imposed political decisions our world-class pistol shooters in non-Olympic disciplines are left to standby and watch as the medals go to shooters from other countries and shooters competing in other disciplines”.

“The Prime Minister promised that pistol shooters would be able to continue to compete in Olympic and International events. The Shooters accepted this in discussions with respect to the revision of legislation at the time. In practice this has not occurred because of restrictions that went beyond their intent and which international competitors do not have to face. It's another broken promise on the part of John Howard”.

“The new laws are sending clubs that specialise in the international shooting sports to the wall. They are cutting the sport into ribbons and wrecking the chances for many of our outstanding international sportsmen and women,” he said.

“The laws were supposed to protect the community. Instead, they are causing the community to lose one of the main gateways to international shooting competitions which is at direct odds with the decision made by the Council of Australian Governments and John Howard's promise.”

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