



## **SHOOTERS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA SET TO FORM NATIONAL LOBBY GROUP**



The political arms of the major shooting groups in South Australia and Victoria, have joined forces in what could become first political lobby group for Australia’s major shooting organisations.

The Combined Shooters and Firearms Council (SA) and Combined Firearms Council of Victoria, which represent 250,000 firearm owners across the two states, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate the representation of their political interests.

CSFC(SA) President, Rob Low, said the Memorandum of Understanding covered key areas of interest to the two organisations and opens the door for other states to join in.

“The agreement covers how we deal with information of interest to us such as the administration of laws by firearm licensing authorities, and the running of political campaigns,” he said.

”This is of interest to shooters in all states, and Victoria and South Australia have been able to be the first to get the ball rolling across state boundaries.”

“While we are not necessarily indicating any particular political leanings, attacks on innocent shooters in recent years under the current administration have caused shooters to reconsider their position and act to protect what they do. It was a corner we were pushed into, but it has now become a positive thing for the future of the shooting sports.”

CFCV President, Bill Paterson agrees.

“There have been legitimate issues that needed to be addressed with respect to uniformity of firearm laws, however the responses by coalition and Labor Governments at the time were done for political expediency rather than public safety outcomes,” he said.

“The fact we still don’t have uniformity in key areas such as mutual recognition of licences in Western Australia, is proof of that.”

“Unfortunately the will doesn't exist among the various state and federal governments to resolve issues like that, and this is adversely affecting legitimate shooting sports including those run internationally. However we think better outcomes can be achieved through better political representation for the shooting sports”.

Both organisations are encouraging anyone with a shooters’ license to put the Greens last in November’s election on their ballot papers, because of their anti-shooting and hunting policies.

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