



Federal Members' questionnaire

The Combined Firearms Council of Victoria (CFCV) was formed prior to the 2002 Victorian State Election to provide political representation for Victoria's 200,000 licensed shooters.

The CFCV was actively and effectively involved in the Victorian State election and will be involved in the forthcoming Federal election.

The CFCV's actions included the placement of full page ads in major city and rural newspapers recommending to shooters how to vote, providing mail outs to individual organisational members, mass mail outs in a large number of electorates, and the staffing of polling booths

An independent statistician found we had a statistically significant impact on the election notwithstanding the landslide to Labor (which occurred largely as a consequence of the quality of the opposition's campaign). The National Party picked up an additional seat with the assistance of shooters despite the landslide to Labor.

This questionnaire is being sent to all Federal MPs in Victoria to gauge their level of support for (or opposition to) the shooting sports in the lead up the next Federal election.

If you do **not** respond to this questionnaire, then this will be taken into account when the CFCV determines who shooters should vote for. Our strategy is unique in Australia in that it is candidate rather than party specific.

On average there are 5400 shooters in each Victorian Federal (MHR) electorate and we are in the process of determining exactly how many shooters are in each particular seat to target those seats likely to be of interest to us.

We will be providing another questionnaire to candidates opposing you when nominations close. We have not yet decided if we will send the same questionnaires to incumbents, so please use this opportunity wisely.

Your response (by post, fax or email) is sought by **30 April 2004**. Answers to this questionnaire will be kept confidential. Please refer to our web site (www.cfcv.org.au) for full details of our activities.

General

- Q1. What is your name ? :.....
- Q2. Do you understand the issues relating to the shooting sports ? Yes / No
(Please indicate if you require more information on the issues – Yes / No)
- Q3. Do you have a shooter's licence ? Yes / No
- Q4. Do you support the shooting sports ? Yes / No
- Q5. Have you ever been to a shooting range and participated in a shooting activity ? Yes / No
- Q6. If the answer to the last question is 'no', would you like the CFCV to arrange for to you visit one ? *(please nominate your availability)* Yes / No

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Q7. Do you believe the national firearms agreement could be improved (and if so, in what way) ? Yes / No

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Q8. Would you like to receive electoral support from shooters at the upcoming Federal election? (If so, please state what you would be willing to provide us with in return for electoral support) Yes / No

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What is the CFCV asking for ?

The CFCV’s immediate priorities are to seek the establishment of:

1. a **Game Management Council** to provide Government with binding advice on matters specifically relating to hunting;
2. a **Firearms Consultative Committee** to provide Government with binding advice on matters relating to firearms legislation;
3. a **Shooting Sports Safety and Advancement Foundation** to provide education on range safety and promotion of the shooting sports, supported solely with Government funding; and
4. secure **tenures** for shooting ranges.

Some of these may appear to be State issues however you are in a position to interact with your State colleagues to ensure these are provided. You are also in a position to improve the quality of advice being provided at Federal Government on firearm policy matters and provide promotional and other opportunities for the shooting sports at Federal level.

Do you have any comments you wish to add ?

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Thank you for taking the time to attend to this.

Please send your completed questionnaire to the CFCV by **30 April 2004** by:

1. Email: admin@cfcv.org.au
2. Fax to (03) 9579 2785
3. Post to CFCV, PO Box 2279, Dandenong North, Vic 3175

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