



Australian Government

Attorney-General's Department

# National Firearms Register Factsheet

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## Hearing your views

The Commonwealth and states and territories remain committed to understanding the views of stakeholders and the broader Australian community as we work to deliver the National Firearms Register.

## Collaboration

Working collaboratively with industry, advocacy groups and the community is essential to ensure the successful implementation of the National Firearms Register.



Commonwealth and state and territory firearms management systems will be connected and integrate with the National Firearms Register.

Australia has some of the strongest firearms laws in the world. However, there are opportunities to address known gaps to help prevent future tragedies where firearms are involved.

The National Firearms Register (NFR) will be designed as an integrated system that connects and draws information from existing Commonwealth, state and territory firearms registries, portals and management systems into one main data hub.

This will provide a life cycle view of registered firearms in Australia, delivering timely and accurate information on firearms and owners across all jurisdictions. The NFR will enhance police and community safety and improve law enforcement capability.

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## Benefits of the NFR

The NFR aims to better use and enforce existing firearms regulation and information.

The NFR will provide secure information sharing between firearm registries. The NFR will deliver, in near real-time:

- nationwide tracing of firearms across Australia's international and domestic borders
- nationwide sharing of information on firearms owners and licences
- national licence verification service for law enforcement and firearms dealers
- national alert and notification function for high-risk information or events
- reporting and analysis functions to understand national firearms trends.

The NFR will put in place more consistent and efficient processes to administer and verify firearms licences. Most firearms management processes, including permit and dealer portals, will become digitised as part of the NFR. This is expected to improve user experience.

Once established, police will know where firearms are, who owns them and what risks to the community may exist. Ultimately, the NFR will enhance community safety and reduce the risk of gun-related violence.

The NFR is not a national registry. Each jurisdiction will continue to maintain their own firearm registries.

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## Stakeholder consultation

Stakeholder consultation will be undertaken at both the Commonwealth and state and territory level. The Attorney-General's Department will engage with national industry and advocacy groups. State and territory police departments will consult with their respective firearms communities, including dealers and owners, as required.

The Attorney-General's Department has begun engaging with national industry and advocacy groups to ensure the NFR achieves mutually beneficial outcomes for stakeholders while delivering community safety objectives. Input will be sought on key elements of the NFR.

Collaboratively working with industry and advocacy groups and the community is essential to ensure the successful implementation of the NFR.

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## Contact us

If you have questions about information provided in this Factsheet, you can visit our website at [ag.gov.au/crime/firearms/national-firearms-register](https://ag.gov.au/crime/firearms/national-firearms-register) or email us at [nfr.enquiries@ag.gov.au](mailto:nfr.enquiries@ag.gov.au).