

Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group Meeting

Harbour View Plaza - 8 McMinn Street, Darwin NT 0800

Thursday, 21 September 2023

9:00 – 17:00 ACST (NT, SA)

9:30 – 17:30 AEST (VIC, ACT, NSW, TAS, QLD)

7:30 – 15:30 AWST (WA)

Item #	Time	Agenda Item	Lead	Action	Paper
1	9:00 – 9:10	Welcome, housekeeping and introductions	AGD	Noting	No
2	9:10 – 9:15	Open Action Items and Previous Meeting Minutes	AGD	Agreement	Yes
3	9:15 – 9:25	Review of Terms of Reference	AGD	Agreement	Yes
4	9:25 – 9:50	New Zealand Presentation – Firearms Register Implementation and Operation	NZ	Noting	No
5	9:50 – 10:00	Registry Managers Group Update	QLD	Noting	No
National Firearms Register Discussions (10:00 – 10:30)					
6	10:00 – 10:10	Outcomes of National Cabinet	AGD	Noting	No
7	10:10 – 10:30	ACIC Overview of High-Level Business Requirements	ACIC	Noting	Yes
Morning Tea (10:30 – 11:00)					
8	11:00 – 12:00	High-Level Business Requirements - Discussion and Red-Line Issues	ACIC	Discussion	Yes
9	12:00 – 12:30	Serialisation Consistency	AGD	Agreement	Yes
10	12:30 – 13:00	Legislative Reforms	AGD	Discussion	No
11	13:00 – 13:30	Finance and Costings	AGD	Noting	No
Lunch (13:30 – 14:15)					
12	14:15 – 15:00	Summary & Agreement	AGD	Agreement	No
13	15:00 – 15:30	Next Steps	AGD	Noting	No
Break (15:30 – 16:00)					
14	16:00 – 16:30	Post Manufacture Fitting of Muzzle Brakes to Increase Barrel Length	ACIC	Agreement	Yes
15	16:30 – 17:00	Legislative Review for Testing of Cat C and D Firearms in Approved Ranges	SA	Discussion	Yes
Finish					

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Friday, 22 September 2023

9:00 – 13:00 ACST (NT, SA)

9:30 – 13:30 AEST (VIC, ACT, NSW, TAS, QLD)

7:30 – 11:30 AWST (WA)

Item #	Time	Agenda Item	Lead	Action	Paper
1	9:00 – 9:05	Welcome, housekeeping and introductions	AGD	Noting	No
2	9:05 – 9:20	DFAT Presentation – Australia's International Firearms Obligations	DFAT	Noting	No
3	9:20 – 9:35	AFIN UAG Update	NSW	Noting	No
4	9:35 – 9:50	Operation Athena Update	NSW	Noting	No
5	9:50 – 10:30	National Firearms Register - Follow-up discussion from FWPWG Day 1	AGD	Discussion	No
Morning Tea (10:30 – 11:00)					
6	11:00 – 12:00	Jurisdictional Updates – Updates on legal cases and stakeholder issues	AGD	Discussion	No
7	12:00 – 12:30	Inconsistency Sub-Working Group – update and next steps	NSW	Discussion/ Agreement	No
8	12:30 – 12:50	Permanent National Firearms Amnesty Report Update	AGD	Noting	No
9	12:50 – 13:00	Other Business	AGD	Noting	No
Finish					

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- **Chair:** Alex Engel, Attorney-General's Department
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Attorney-General's Department
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Attorney-General's Department
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Attorney-General's Department
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Australian Border Force
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** ACIC
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** ACIC
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** ACIC
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Australian Institute of Criminology
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Australian Federal Police
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Australian Federal Police
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Australian Federal Police
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Department of Home Affairs
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** ACT Policing
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** ACT Policing
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** ACT Policing
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** ACT Government – Justice and Community Safety Directorate
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** NSW Police
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** NSW Police
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** NSW Police
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** NSW Police
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** QPS
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** SAPOL
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** TASPOL
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** TASPOL
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** VICPOL
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** VICPOL
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** VICPOL
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** VICPOL
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Victoria Department of Justice and Community Safety
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** WAPOL
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** WAPOL
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** NZ Police
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** NZ Police

Secretariat: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Attorney-General's Department

FWPWG – Day 1

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome, Housekeeping and Introductions (AGD)

- The Chair, Alex Engel, Attorney-General's Department, welcomed members and thanked Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services for inviting attendees to Darwin.
- NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services Acting Assistant Commissioner Matthew Hollamby APM welcomed members and reiterated the important work of the Group.
- No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting.

Agenda Item 2 – Open Action Items and Previous Meeting Minutes (AGD)

- s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)
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 - s. 47B(b) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)s. 47B(b)
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Agenda Item 3 – Review of Terms of Reference (AGD)

- The Attorney-General's Department proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference to encompass the following:
 - Machinery of Government changes and the movement of the FWPWG Secretariat and lead agency from the Department of Home Affairs to the Attorney-General's Department;
 - The ability for FWPWG to provide policy advice on firearms issues to Police Ministers Council and its Senior Officials group where appropriate or directed; and
 - Standardisation of acronyms and language.
- The Secretariat noted that RMG had agreed to these amendments and had, in addition, proposed the following amendments:
 - Inclusion of 'inconsistency issues' as a standing agenda item for RMG meetings;
 - Timeframes for when secretariat is required to distribute agenda items (4 weeks) and agenda papers (2 weeks) to RMG and FWPWG attendees prior to the meeting date.
 - Removal of the requirement for RMG to go through FWPWG to provide operational advice to Chief Commissioners, Commissioners and Ministers.
- FWPWG agreed to these amendments to the Terms of Reference.

Agenda Item 4 – New Zealand Presentation – Firearms Register Implementation and Operation (NZ)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)
s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)
- s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)
- s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)

- s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)
- s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)

Agenda Item 5 – Registry Managers Group Update (QLD)

- RMG Chair, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 47B(b)
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- Registry Managers discussed:

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s. 47B(b)

Agenda Item 6 – Outcomes of National Cabinet (AGD)

- The Chair reviewed key dates and progress to date on the NFR, including the outcomes of National Cabinet meeting on 3 February 2023 and the subsequent Police Ministers Council meetings.
- The Chair noted the outcomes of the recent National Cabinet meeting of 16 August 2023, including:
 - National Cabinet's commitment to delivering a National Firearms Register;
 - National Cabinet's agreement for costings to be finalised through the Council on Federal Financial Relations (CFFR – tentatively scheduled for 3 November 2023).
 - National Cabinet's direction for state and territory firearms registries to work with their jurisdiction's treasury departments to finalise costings and increase cost confidence.
- Following CFFR's consideration of costs, National Cabinet will meet again (likely virtually) to approve the costs.
- The Chair noted that there will likely be cost-sharing arrangements of some form as smaller jurisdictions will have higher costs due to legacy systems in place.

- s. 47B(b)

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Agenda Items 7/8 – Discussions on High-Level Business Requirements (ACIC)

- s. 47B(b)
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- s. 47B(b)
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Licence and Permit Verification Service (VS)

- s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)

Information Retrieval and Sharing Service (IS)

- s. 47B(b)
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Analysis and Reporting Service (RS)

- s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)

Integration Service (IN)

- s. 47B(b)
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Agenda Item 9 – Serialisation (AGD)

- s. 47B(b)

Agenda Item 10 – Legislative Reform (AGD)

- s. 47B(b)
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Agenda Item 11 – Finance and Costings (AGD)

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s. 47B(b)

Agenda Items 12/13 – Summary & Agreement and Next Steps (AGD)

- The Chair summarised the outcomes and agreements made on NFR discussions.
- The Chair recalled the agreed upon action items for progressing the NFR and next steps.

Agenda Items 14 – Post Manufacture Fitting of Muzzle Brakes to Increase Barrel Length (ACIC)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 47B(b)
s. 47B(b)

- s. 47B(b)
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- s. 47B(b)

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Agenda Item 15 – Legislative Review for Testing of Cat C and D Firearms in Approved Ranges (SA)

- s. 47B(b)

Agenda item 16 – Other Business/Jurisdictional Updates (All)

Western Australia

- s. 47B(b)

- s. 47B(b)

South Australia

- s. 47B(b)

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FWPWG – Day 2

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome, Housekeeping and Introductions (AGD)

- The Chair, Alex Engel (AGD), opened the meeting and thanked members for their contributions to the first day of FWPWG.

Agenda item 2 – DFAT Presentation – Australia’s International Firearms Obligations (DFAT)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 47B(b)

- s. 47B(b)

- s. 47B(b)

Agenda Item 3 – AFIN UAG Update (NSW)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NSW Police, provided an update on the work of the AFIN User Advisory Group (AFIN UAG).

- s. 47B(b)

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Agenda Item 4 – Operation Athena Update (NSW)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NSW Police, provided an update on the work of Operation Athena.

- s. 47B(b)

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Agenda Item 5 – National Firearms Register – Follow-up Discussion from FWPWG Day 1 (AGD)

- FWPWG acknowledged the outcomes of the previous day's discussions on the NFR and next steps coming out of the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Jurisdictional Updates – Updates on Legal Cases and Stakeholder Issues (All)

Northern Territory

- s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)

New South Wales

- s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)
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Victoria

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Queensland

- s. 47B(b)
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Tasmania

- s. 47B(b)

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Australian Capital Territory

- s. 47B(b)

Australian Federal Police

- s. 47B(b)

Australian Border Force

- s. 47B(b)

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

- s. 47B(b)

Attorney-General's Department

- AGD's work has primarily been focused on progressing the NFR, and what legislative changes will be required.

- s. 47B(b)

Department of Home Affairs

- s. 47B(b)

Agenda Item 7 – Inconsistency Sub-Working Group – Update and Next Steps (NSW)

- s. 47B(b)

Agenda Item 8 – Permanent National Firearms Amnesty Report Update (AGD)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Attorney-General's Department, provided an update on the Department's progress on drafting the second annual report for the Permanent National Firearms Amnesty (FY22-23).
- AGD noted that the report will have more of a qualitative analysis focus, examining the effectiveness of the Crime Stoppers Campaign from the first year, and what changes to jurisdiction's legislation/implementation of the amnesty have affected results.
- AGD reminded jurisdictions to send through firearms surrender data and surrendered items of interest from FY22-23 to the FWPWG Secretariat to assist the department in drafting the report.

Agenda Item 9 – Other Business (All)

• s. 47B(b)

• s. 47B(b), s. 33(a)(iii)

s. 47B(b), s. 33(a)(iii)

Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group Meeting

Level 1, 62 Cylinders Drive, Kingscliff NSW 2487

Tuesday, 5 March 2024

9:00 – 17:00 AEDT (VIC, NSW, ACT, TAS)

08:30 – 16:30 ACDT (SA)

08:00 – 16:00 AEST (QLD)

07:30 – 15:30 ACST (NT)

06:00 – 14:00 AWST (WA)

11:00 – 19:00 NZDT (NZ)

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3	9:20 – 9:30	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	AGD	Agreement	Yes	
4	9:30 – 10:00		AGD	Discussion	No	
5	10:00 – 10:30		AGD	Discussion	No	
Morning Tea (10:30 – 11:00)						
6	11:00 – 11:30	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	AGD	Discussion	No	
7	11:30 – 12:30		AGD	Discussion	No	
8	12:30 – 13:00	Summary and Next Steps	AGD/ ACIC	Agreement	No	
Lunch (13:00 – 13:45)						
9	13:45 – 14:15	Permanent National Firearms Amnesty Update & Future Reporting	AGD	Agreement	Yes	
10	14:15 – 14:30	Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Prohibited Hate Symbols and Other Measures) Bill 2023 – Implications for Firearms	AGD	Discussion	Yes	
11	14:30 – 15:00	s. 47B(b)	AFP	Discussion	Yes	
12	15:00 – 15:20	Attorney-General's Department Update (Firearms Policy and Family Safety)	AGD	Discussion	No	
Break (15:20 – 15:50)						
13	15:50 – 16:50	Jurisdictional Updates (Legislative, Operational and Stakeholders)	All	Discussion	No	
14	16:50 – 17:00	Next Meeting Confirmation & Other Business	All		No	
Finish						

Dinner @ 18:00 – Salt Bar, 1 Bells Boulevard, Kingscliff 2487

Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group Meeting 5 March 2024

NSW Firearms Registry, 62 Cylinders Drive, Kingscliff, NSW 2487

Attendees

- **Chair:** Alex Engel, Attorney-General's Department
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Attorney-General's Department
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Attorney-General's Department (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACIC
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACIC
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACIC (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACIC
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) AFP
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) AFP (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ABF (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ABF
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Department of Home Affairs (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Justice and Community Safety (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Policing
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Policing
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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) QLD Police Service
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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) , SA Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) SA Police
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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) SA Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) TAS Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) TAS Police (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Victoria Department of Justice (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) VIC Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) , VIC Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) VIC Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) WAPOL
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NZ Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NZ Police

Secretariat: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Attorney-General's Department
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Attorney-General's Department

Agenda Item 1: Welcome, Housekeeping and Introductions (AGD)

- The Chair, Alex Engel (AGD), welcomed members and thanked New South Wales Police for hosting attendees at the new NSW Firearms Registry.
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (NSW) welcomed attendees to the new location.
- The Chair provided an overview of the day's agenda and expressed a focus on the National Firearms Register (NFR), including agreement on policy, legislation and governance changes.
- The Chair noted FWPWG was scheduled before RMG to accommodate for the scheduled opening of the new NSW Firearms Registry. The group agreed to consider adopting this arrangement going forward.
- No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Open Action Items from Previous Meeting Minutes (AGD)

- The Chair emphasised that as this will be the last FWPWG meeting before the NFR implementation start date on 1 July 2024, it is an important opportunity for attendees to understand and commence the necessary work required to prepare for the start date.
- The Chair noted the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) will continue to work with agencies on any challenges or obstacles in commencing pre-implementation work.
- Attendees agreed to **close** the following open action items:

- s. 47B(b)

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- s. 47B(b) s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 47B(b)

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▪ s. 47B(b)

- Attendees agreed for the following action items to **remain open** for action:

- s. 47B(b)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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- s. 47B(b)

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Agenda Item 8: Summary and Next Steps (AGD/ACIC)

- The Chair emphasised the importance of collective agreement on required tasks to ensure work is on track for the implementation start date 1 July 2024.
- AGD and ACIC agreed to continue to work with jurisdictions to resolve any issues before and throughout implementation.

Agenda Item 9: Permanent National Firearms Amnesty Update & Future Reporting (AGD)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (AGD) presented on the key outcomes of the second year of the Permanent National Firearms Amnesty (FY2022-23) (Amnesty), including:
 - 12,190 firearms and weapons and 637 firearms parts and accessories were surrendered in the Amnesty's second year.
 - Firearms and weapons surrenders declined by 30.5% (from 17,543 firearms and weapons surrendered) which was expected following the conclusion of the National Illicit Firearms Campaign which ran alongside the Amnesty's first year.

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- There are likely links between state-based firearms reforms which affect the possession, licencing or use of particular firearms, and the surrendering of those affected firearms through the Amnesty.
- Dealers continue to play an important role in facilitating surrenders as an alternative to police stations.
- AGD noted that following the second year of the Amnesty, the FWPWG is required to agree on future reporting requirements.
- s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)
- All attendees recognised the importance of ongoing reporting on Amnesty outcomes and agreed to continue reporting on a refined data set annually, with a comprehensive report to be published by the AGD every 3 years.

Agenda Item 10: Counter- Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Prohibited Hate Symbols and Other Measures) Act 2023 – Implications for Firearms (AGD)

- The Chair provided a high-level overview of the *Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Prohibited Hate Symbols and Other Measures) Act 2023* (the Act).
 - On 6 December 2023, the Act passed both houses of Parliament.
 - It creates new criminal offences for publicly displaying prohibited Nazi or terrorist organisation symbols or trading in items bearing these symbols.
 - The Act introduces new offences for public display and trading goods that depict a prohibited symbol.
- s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 47B(b)
s. 47B(b)

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- s. 47B(b)

Agenda Item 11: s. 47B(b)

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Agenda Item 12: Attorney-General's Department Update (Firearms Policy and Family Safety) (AGD)

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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 47B(b)

- s. 47B(b)

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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), s. 47B(b)
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Agenda Item 13: Jurisdictional Updates (Legislative, Operational and Stakeholders) (All)

Northern Territory

- s. 47B(b)

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New South Wales

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Victoria

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Queensland

- s. 47B(b)
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Western Australia

- Introduced new firearms Bill to parliament last week.
- s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)

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under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

- s. 47B(b)

- s. 47B(b)

South Australia

- s. 47B(b)

- s. 47B(b)

Tasmania

- Recently passed legislation to create offences for digital blueprints that will commence late 2024 alongside other amendments.

- s. 47B(b)

- s. 47B(b)

Australian Capital Territory

- s. 47B(b)

- s. 47B(b)

New Zealand

- s. 47B(b), s. 33(a)(iii)

- s. 47B(b), s. 33(a)(iii)

Australian Federal Police

- s. 47B(b)

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

- s. 47B(b)

- s. 47B(b)

- s. 47B(b)

Agenda Item 14: Next Meeting Confirmation & Other Business (All)

- Members agreed to the action item overview provided from the Secretariat.
- Members discussed the next FWPWG meeting that will be held in Wellington, NZ in September 2024. AGD and NZ offered support to jurisdictions to assist members in justifying travel needs.

End of Meeting

s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)

s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)

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Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group
11 Turnbull Street, Thorndon, Wellington 6011

Wednesday, 18 September 2024

08:30 – 17:00 NZST (NZ)

06:40 – 15:00 AEST (ACT, NSW, QLD, TAS, VIC)

06:10 – 14:30 ACST (NT, SA)

04:40 – 13:00 AWST (WA)

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Item #	Time (NZST)	Agenda Item	Lead	Action	Paper
8:30 Arrival					
1	08:40 – 09:25	Mihi Whakatau – Māori Welcoming Ceremony	NZ		
2	09:25 – 09:30	Housekeeping and Introductions	AGD		
3	09:30 – 09:40	Open Action items and Previous Meeting Minutes	AGD	Agreement	Yes
4	09:40 – 10:00	Future Meeting Schedule and Review of Terms of Reference	AGD	Agreement	Yes
5	10:00 – 10:30	Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment – Implication for Firearms with Prohibited Symbols	AGD	In Principle Agreement	Yes
Morning Tea (10:30 – 11:00)					
		s. 22(1)(a)(ii)			
6	11:00 – 11:45		ACIC All	Discussion	Yes
7	11:45 – 12:15		AGD	Discussion	Yes
8	12:15 – 13:15		ACIC	Endorsement	Yes
Lunch (13:15 – 14:00)					
9	14:00 – 14:20	Permanent National Firearms Amnesty Update & Report FY23-24	AGD	Noting	No
10	14:20 – 14:45	Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons Review Conference Update	ACIC DFAT NSW	Noting	No
11	14:45 – 15:30	Presentation on Digital Design of 3D Printed Firearms: s. 47F(1)	Ext.	Discussion	No
Break (15:30 – 15:45)					
12	15:45 – 16:00	Attorney-General’s Department Update (Firearms Policy and Family Safety)	AGD	Noting	No
13	16:00 – 16:50	Agency Updates (Legislative, Operational & Stakeholders)	All	Noting	No
14	16:50 – 17:00	Next Meeting Confirmation & Other Business	AGD		
17:00 Finish					

Dinner @ 6:30pm – Ernesto's ([Menu — Ernesto's](#)) - 1 Grey Street, Wellington Central, Wellington 6011

Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group Meeting 18 – 19 September 2024

Royal Society Te Apārangi, 11 Turnbull St, Thorndon, Wellington 6011, New Zealand

Attendees

- Chair: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) AGD
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), AGD
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), AGD (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), AGD (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACIC
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACIC (virtual)
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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACIC (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACIC (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), AFP (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), AFP (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ABF (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ABF
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) DFAT
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Policing
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Policing (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Policing
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Policing
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), NSW Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NSW Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NSW Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), NSW Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), QLD Police Service
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), QLD Police Service
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), QLD Police Service (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), SA Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) SA Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), SA Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), SA Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), TAS Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), TAS Police (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) TAS Police (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) VIC Department of Justice
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) VIC Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) VIC Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), VIC Police (virtual)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), WAPOL
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NZ Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NZ Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), NZ Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), NZ Ministry of Justice (virtual)

Secretariat: S. 22(1)(a)(ii) Attorney-General's Department

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Day 1 – Wednesday 18 September 2024**Agenda Item 1: Mihi Whakatau (NZ)**

- New Zealand (NZ) Police's Firearms Safety Authority (Te Tari Pūreke) welcomed Australian attendees to Wellington through a Mihi Whakatau.

Agenda Item 2: Welcome, Housekeeping and Introductions (AGD)

- The Chair, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (AGD), welcomed members and thanked New Zealand Police for hosting attendees in Wellington and for organising the Mihi Whakatau.
- The Chair noted that the NZ Firearms Registry is the best international case study for Australia's National Firearms Register (NFR) and thanked NZ Police for facilitating the Registry Showcase the day before.
- The Chair provided an overview of the day's agenda and noted a focus on the NFR, including on program governance, legislative and stakeholder stream updates and the National Data Standards.
- No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Open Action Items and Previous Meeting Minutes (AGD)

- The Chair noted that following National Cabinet's agreement to implement the NFR, the working group has had to consider many of its ongoing projects and discussions in a new context.
- The Secretariat ran through the open action items.
- Attendees agreed to close the following action items:
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Agenda Item 4: Future Meeting Schedule and Review of Terms of Reference (AGD)

- s. 47B(b)
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Agenda Item 5: Counter-Terrorism (CT) Legislation Amendment – Implications for Firearms with Prohibited Symbols (AGD)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (AGD) noted that on 8 January 2024 the *Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Prohibited Hate Symbols and Other Measures) Act 2023* (the Act) criminalised the public display or trade in prohibited Nazi symbols with a maximum penalty of 12 months' imprisonment.
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Agenda Item 8: Project Streams: Legislative Reform & Stakeholder Engagement (AGD)

Legislative Reform Stream

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Stakeholder Engagement Stream

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (AGD) provided an overview of the Stakeholder Engagement Stream and circulated documents, including:
 - Stakeholder Stream Overview (PPT) – Provides an overview of the stakeholder stream and how the objectives of the stream will be achieved.
 - Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Strategy – Outlines the role of states and territories and protocols for handling communications.
 - NFR Talking Points – Provides standard talking points to assist partner agencies in responding to media and other related requests on the NFR to ensure national consistency in communication.
 - National Communication Action Plan – Indicates in detail communication projects and estimated timeframes for completion.
 - NFR Factsheet – Content for the first fact sheet that AGD intends on publishing on the AGD website.
- AGD also noted that they are currently developing national branding materials for NFR-related products and will distribute to partner agencies when available.
- AGD reiterated that for most jurisdictions, submission of a stakeholder engagement stream project plan is a requirement under their Federation Funding Agreement.

Agenda Item 9: Permanent National Firearms Amnesty Update & Report FY23-24 (AGD)

- Noting time constraints, attendees agreed for AGD to provide an email update on the Amnesty once all jurisdictions have provided data.

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Agenda Item 10: Presentation on Digital Design of 3D Printed Firearms (S. 47F(1) – S. 47F(1)

- Attendees agreed to amend the agenda for S. 47F(1) to do S. 47F(1) presentation prior to discussions on S. 47B(b)
- S. 47F(1) presented on S. 47F(1) research on the availability of digital design files for 3D printed firearms.
- S. 47F(1) presentation noted:

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- Attendees thanked s. 47F(1) for s. 47F(1) presentation and time.

Agenda Item 11: Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons Review Conference Update (ACIC, DFAT and NSW)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (DFAT), s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (NSW Police) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (ACIC)
s. 47B(b)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) update noted:
 - s. 47B(b)

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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) update noted:
 - s. 47B(b)
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 - s. 47B(b)
 - s. 47B(b), s. 33(a)(iii)
 - s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)
 - s. 47B(b)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)
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 - s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)
 - s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)

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- s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)

Agenda Item 12 – Attorney-General’s Department Update (Firearms Policy and Family Safety) (AGD)

- Noting time constraints, attendees agreed for AGD to provide an email update on the department’s work in firearms policy and intersection with family safety.

Agenda Item 13 – Agency Updates (Legislative, Operational & Stakeholders) (All)

- Noting time constraints, attendees agreed for the Secretariat to collate agency updates and provide an email update to the working group.

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Agenda Item 2 – Other Business and Meeting Close (AGD)

- The Chair noted, pending agreement to the revised meeting schedule, the next FWPWG meeting is likely to be held in March 2025 in Canberra, ACT.
- No items of other business were raised.

End of Day 2 - Meeting Close

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**Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group
Level 1, 62 Cylinders Drive, Kingscliff NSW 2487**

Wednesday, 5 March 2025

09:00 – 17:00 AEDT (ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC)

08:30 – 16:30 ACDT (SA)

08:00 – 16:00 AEST (QLD)

07:30 – 15:30 ACST (NT)

06:00 – 14:00 AWST (WA)

11:00 – 19:00 NZDT (NZ)

Item #	Time (AEDT)	Agenda Item	Lead	Action	Paper
8:40 Arrival					
1	09:00 – 09:10	Welcome, Housekeeping and Introductions	AGD		
2	09:10 – 09:15	Open Action Items and Previous Meeting Minutes	AGD	Agreement	Yes
3	09:15 – 09:20	Terms of Reference – Review	AGD	Agreement	Yes
4	09:20 – 09:30	AFIN UAG Update & Outcomes	ACIC	Noting	No
5	09:30 – 10:00	Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment – Implication for Firearms with Prohibited Symbols	AGD	Agreement	Yes
6	10:00 – 10:30	Firearms Data Transparency & Snapshot	AGD	Discussion	No
Morning Tea (10:30 – 11:00)					
National Firearms Register					
7a	11:00 – 13:00	Legislative & Policy Stream – Policy Papers	AGD	Discussion	Yes
Lunch (13:00 – 13:45)					
7b	13:45 – 14:30	Legislative & Policy Stream – Policy Papers (Cont.)	AGD	Discussion	Yes
8	14:30 – 15:00	PMF/3D Printed Firearms – Policy Proposal	AGD	Agreement	Yes
9	15:00 – 15:30	Australian External Territories – Firearms Management	AGD	Discussion	No
Break (15:30 – 16:00)					
10	16:00 – 17:00	s. 47B(b)	AGD	Discussion	Yes
17:00 Finish					

Dinner @ 6:30pm – [Salt Bar & Bistro](#) (located at Mantra on Salt Beach)

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**Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group
Level 1, 62 Cylinders Drive, Kingscliff NSW 2487**

Thursday, 6 March 2025

09:00 – 12:00 AEDT (ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC)

08:30 – 11:30 ACDT (SA)

08:00 – 11:00 AEST (QLD)

07:30 – 10:30 ACST (NT)

06:00 – 09:00 AWST (WA)

11:00 – 14:00 NZDT (NZ)

Item #	Time (AEDT)	Agenda Item	Lead	Action	Paper
8:40 Arrival					
11	09:00 – 09:05	Meeting Open	AGD		
12	09:05 – 09:30	Arms Trade Treaty – 10 th Year Anniversary	DFAT	Noting	No
13	09:30 – 10:00	Operation Athena Update	AGD NSW	Noting	No
14	10:00 – 10:30	Attorney-General's Department Update (Firearms Policy and Family Safety/Information Sharing)	AGD	Noting	No
Morning Tea (10:30 – 11:00)					
15	11:00 – 11:55	Agency Updates (Legislative, Operational & Stakeholders)	All	Noting	No
16	11:55 – 12:00	Next Meeting Confirmation & Other Business	AGD	Noting	No
12:00 Finish					

Dinner @ 7:00pm – [Kingscliff Beach Hotel](#) (102 Marine Parade, Kingscliff NSW 2487)

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- **Chair:** Alex Engel, AGD
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), AGD
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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) AGD
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACIC
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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate
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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), VIC Police
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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), VIC Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) WA Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NZ Police

Secretariat: s. 22(1)(a)(ii), Attorney-General's Department**Official: Sensitive**

Day 1 – Wednesday 5 March 2025**Agenda Item 1: Welcome, Open Action Items, Previous Meeting Minutes (AGD)**

- The Chair, Alex Engel (AGD), welcomed members and did an Acknowledgement of Country.
- The Chair thanked attendees for their patience and flexibility as the working group moved to meet virtually due to Tropical Cyclone Alfred in Queensland and New South Wales.
- No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting.
- Attendees agreed to **close** the following action items:

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- Attendees agreed for the following action items to **remain open** for action:

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Agenda Item 2: Terms of Reference - Updates (AGD)

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Agenda Item 3: Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment – Implication for Firearms with Prohibited Symbols (AGD)

- The Chair welcomed s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 47B(b)

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Agenda Item 4: Privately Manufactured Firearms (PMF)/3D Printed Firearms – Policy Proposal (AGD)

- s. 47B(b)
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- s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)

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- The Chair welcomed s. 22(1)(a)(ii) from AGD's Criminal Justice Policy and Legislation Branch to discuss s. 47B(b)

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- The Chair provided a summary of the outcomes of the day and thanked attendees for their participation.

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Day 2 – Thursday 6 March 2025

Agenda Item 6a/b: Legislative and Policy Stream – Policy Papers

- The Chair, Alex Engel (AGD), welcomed members to day 2 of the meeting.
- The Chair noted that today’s session is dedicated to reviewing and providing feedback on the NFR Legislative & Policy Stream’s policy papers.
- The Chair noted that the Stream has identified various areas of legislative and policy priorities to ensure the NFR is able to operate to the requirements set by National Cabinet.
- The Chair noted that FWPWG will not be making any decisions or endorsements on these papers, but will provide advice as an expert firearms advisory body to the NFR governance structure.

Suppressor - P1-L0T

- AGD raised that the objective of this theme is to create minimum standards for suppressor marking and recording to reach national consistency in suppressor information being collected and shared to the NFR.

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Information Sharing - PA-01

- AGD provided an overview of the paper and its objective to enable information sharing of firearms-related information from states and territories to the NFR.
- ACIC raised that most jurisdictions will digitise their processes and raised that dealers will verify individuals through a digital process and mostly there will be no change.

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Licence Verification - PA-03

- AGD provided an overview of entities that may verify licences including dealers, shooting clubs, ranges, other Commonwealth, State and Territory agencies and potentially members of public.

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- s. 47B(b) supported public access to the licence verification service for firearms licences.

Key definitions - PA-05

- AGD noted the key definitions will be aligned with the National Data Standards and no legislative change is necessary for the operation and function of the NFR.
- Attendees agreed with this approach.

Treatment of Court and other Delegated Orders - PA-06

- ACIC raised that all jurisdictions track court and other delegated orders in their own systems and have their own sets of rules and alerts.

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Interstate Movement (Permanent Transfer) - PA-08A

- AGD provided an overview on interstate movements of firearms with a specific focus on permanent transfers.

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Interstate Movement (Temporary Transfer) - PA-08B

- AGD provided an overview on interstate movements with a specific focus on temporary transfers.
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- The Chair thanked members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting.

End of Day 2 - Meeting Close

Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group
Victoria Police Centre, 311 Spencer St, Docklands, Victoria 3008
Mick Miller Auditorium
Wednesday, 25 June 2025

09:00 – 17:00 AEST (ACT, NSW, QLD, TAS, VIC)

08:30 – 16:30 ACST (NT, SA)

07:00 – 15:00 AWST (WA)

11:00 – 19:00 NZST (NZ)

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Item #	Time (AEST)	Agenda Item	Lead	Action	Paper
8:40 Arrival					
1	09:00 – 09:10	Welcome, Housekeeping and Introductions	AGD		
2	09:10 – 09:15	Open Action Items and Previous Meeting Minutes	AGD	Agreement	Yes
3	09:15 – 09:30	AFIN UAG Update & Outcomes	ACIC	Noting	No
National Firearms Register Items					
4a	09:30 – 10:30	Legislation & Policy Stream – Priority A Policy Papers	AGD	Endorsement	Yes
Morning Tea (10:30 – 10:45)					
4b	10:45 – 12:00	Legislation & Policy Stream – Priority A Policy Papers (Cont.)	AGD	Endorsement	Yes
Lunch (12:00 – 13:00)					
5	13:00 – 14:30	Legislation & Policy Stream – Priority B Policy Papers	AGD	Review	Yes
6	14:30 – 15:00	Offences for Possession, Use and Sharing of Digital Files Relating to Illicit Manufacturing	AGD	Noting	Yes
Break (15:00 – 15:30)					
7	15:30 – 16:00	Court Order Legislation Consistency	NSW	Discussion	No
8	16:00 – 16:30	National Firearms Technical Review Committee & Categorisations	AGD AFP	Discussion	No
9	16:30 – 17:00	Grip Module Imports and Serialisation	AGD ABF	Agreement	Yes
17:00 Finish					

Dinner @ 6pm – Quarterhouse - 693 Collins St, Docklands VIC 3008 ([menu](#))

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Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group
Victoria Police Centre, 311 Spencer St, Docklands, Victoria 3008
Mick Miller Auditorium

Thursday, 26 June 2025

09:00 – 12:00 AEST (ACT, NSW, QLD, TAS, VIC)

08:30 – 11:30 ACST (NT, SA)

07:00 – 10:00 AWST (WA)

11:00 – 14:00 NZST (NZ)

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Item #	Time (AEST)	Agenda Item	Lead	Action	Paper
8:40 Arrival					
10	09:00 – 09:10	Meeting Open & Welcome from A/g Deputy Commissioner Libby Murphy	AGD		
11	09:10 – 09:30	Arms Trade Treaty – 10 th Year Anniversary	DFAT	Noting	No
12	09:30 – 10:00	Operation Athena Update	AGD NSW	Noting	No
13	10:00 – 10:30	Attorney-General's Department Update (Firearms Policy and Family & Community Safety Branch)	AGD	Noting	No
Morning Tea (10:30 – 11:00)					
14	11:00 – 11:55	Agency Updates (Legislative, Operational & Stakeholders)	All	Noting	No
15	11:55 – 12:00	Next Meeting Confirmation & Other Business	AGD	Noting	No
12:00 Finish					

Dinner @ 6pm – Platform 28 - 82 Village St, Docklands VIC 3008 ([menu](#))

Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group Meeting 25 – 26 June 2025

Victoria Police Centre, 311 Spencer St, Docklands, Victoria 3008

Attendees

- **Chair:** Alex Engel, AGD
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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACIC
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), AFP
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ABF
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ABF
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), DFAT
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate (Online)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Policing
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Policing
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACT Policing (Online)
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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), QLD Police Service (Online)
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- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), WA Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), WA Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), NZ Police
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii), NZ Police

Secretariat: s. 22(1)(a)(ii), Attorney-General's Department
s. 22(1)(a)(ii), Attorney-General's Department

Day 1 – Wednesday 25 June 2025**Agenda Item 1: Welcome, Housekeeping and Introductions (AGD)**

- The Chair, Alex Engel (AGD), welcomed members and did an Acknowledgement of Country.
- The Chair thanked Victoria Police for hosting the working group meeting in Melbourne.
- The Chair acknowledged the passing of Constable Keith Anthony Smith who was tragically killed in North Motton, Tasmania while undertaking routine details and the thoughts of FWPWG are with Tasmania Police.
- The Chair noted that the work of the FWPWG and the National Firearms Register Implementation Program is more important now than ever to keep Australians and first responders safe.
- The Chair noted under the new Administrative Arrangement Orders released following the Election, ministerial responsibility for firearms policy, criminal justice policy and law enforcement policy has shifted from the Attorney-General to the Minister for Home Affairs.
 - Under these arrangements, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, the Australian Federal Police and the Firearm Reforms and Permissions Section will be moving to the Department of Home Affairs from 17 July 2025.
- The Chair noted this is unlikely to have significant impacts or disruptions to the work of the FWPWG or to the broader NFR Implementation Program, but Program team will be briefing the Minister on the NFR Program to ensure he is kept up to date with our progress.
- No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Open Action Items and Previous Meeting Minutes (AGD)

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Agenda Item 3: AFIN UAG Updates and Outcomes (ACIC)

- S. 22(1)(a)(ii) and S. 22(1)(a)(ii) S. 47B(b)

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Agenda Item 4a/b: National Firearms Register – Legislation and Policy Stream – Priority A Policy Papers (AGD)

- The Chair thanked FWPWG for their continued efforts in progressing the Legislation and Policy Stream of the NFR Implementation Program, particularly in providing input into the Priority A policy papers.
- The Chair noted the policy papers have been developed over multiple iterations, since as early as November last year, and have evolved following multiple in-person and virtual workshops and meetings to ensure they meet the needs of partner agencies.
- The Chair noted FWPWG will be asked endorse the substance of each policy paper as the subject-matter expert advisory body to the NFR Program.

- The Chair noted the opinions and endorsement of the FWPWG are highly regarded by the Partner Implementation Project Board (PIPB), and it will support PIPB decision-making when they consider the papers for endorsement at an out-of-session PIPB shortly.

PA-01 – Information Sharing

- **S. 22(1)(a)(ii)** (AGD) noted that information sharing is at the heart of the NFR to be able to share critical firearms-related information in near real-time, and all partner agencies will need to ensure they have the capability to share related information.

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PA-02 – Privacy Protection

- AGD noted that the data the NFR will collect is inherently sensitive in nature and all partner agencies must have appropriate privacy protections in place when collecting, handling, storing or using personal information.
- Members discussed the value and benefits of implementing a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for their projects.

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PA-03 – Licence and Permit Verification Service

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (AGD) noted that National Cabinet required the NFR to include a licence and permit verification service to check a licence's status in near real-time prior to transacting a firearm, part or ammunition.
- AGD noted that this paper has been updated to reflect use by dealers as mandatory, and use by clubs and/or ranges to be optional.

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PA-04 – Dealer Requirements

- AGD noted that legislative and operational requirements for dealers will need to be reviewed to ensure information is being recorded and shared in near real-time.

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PA-05 – Key Definitions

- AGD noted it is important for all partner agencies to be describing the same thing in similar ways.

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PA-06 – Treatment of Court and Other Delegated Orders

- AGD noted that firearm registries are not automatically notified if an interstate or federal court issues an adverse order against a firearm licence holder.

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PA-07 Near Real-Time

- AGD noted for the community and law enforcement safety outcomes of the NFR to be achieved, information sharing needs to be occur in near real-time.

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PA-08a & PA-08b – Interstate Transfers (Permanent and Temporary Movements)

- AGD noted there is significance latencies and inconsistencies in processes for when a firearm and firearm owner move interstate and police are made aware of the new location of that firearm.

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PA-09 – Suppressors

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Agenda Item 5: Legislation & Policy Stream – Priority B Agenda Papers (AGD)

- ## PB-05 – Firearm Borrowing and Lending

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (AGD) noted where firearm borrowing/lending is permitted, there should be consistency in how these are regulated to ensure police know where borrowed firearms are located and who has possession of them.

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Agenda Item 6: Court Order Legislation Consistency (NSW)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii)s. 47B(b)

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Agenda Item 7: National Firearms Technical Review Committee (AGD/AFP)

• s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 47B(b)

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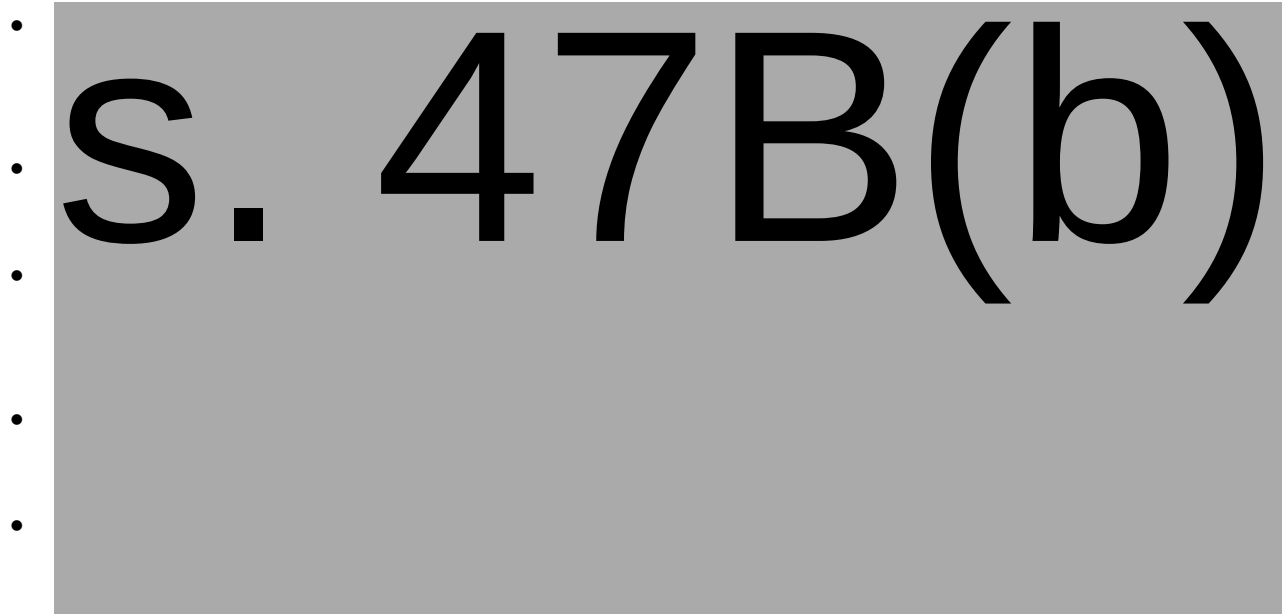
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Agenda Item 8: Grip Module Imports & Serialisation (ABF)



End of Day 1

Day 2 – Thursday 26 June 2025

Agenda Item 9: Meeting Open and Welcome from A/G Deputy Commissioner Libby Murphy (AGD/VIC)

- The Chair, Alex Engel (AGD), opened the meeting and welcomed members to day 2 of FWPWG.
- A/g Deputy Commissioner Libby Murphy (VIC POL) welcomed attendees to Melbourne and thanked FWPWG for their work and dedication to community safety.
- A/g Deputy Commissioner Murphy noted threats are dynamic and changing, and a coordinated and regulatory response are required to keep the community safe.
- A/g Deputy Commissioner Murphy highlighted the work the FWPWG is undertaking to combat illicit firearms manufacturing and privately manufactured firearms as a key area of concern that requires forums like the FWPWG to resolve.

Agenda Item 10: Offences for Possession, Use and Sharing of Digital Files Relating to Illicit Manufacturing (AGD)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)
- s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)
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- s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)
- s. 47B(b)

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Agenda Item 11: Arms Trade Treaty – 10th Year Anniversary (DFAT)

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Agenda Item 12: Operation Athena Update (AGD)

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 47B(b)

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Agenda Item 13: Attorney-General's Department Update (Firearms Policy and Family & Community Safety Branch) (AGD)

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Agenda Item 14: Jurisdictional Updates (All)

New Zealand Police

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Northern Territory

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New South Wales

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Queensland

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South Australia

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Victoria

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Tasmania

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Australian Capital Territory

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Australian Federal Police

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- s. 47B(b)
- s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47B(b)

Australian Border Force

- s. 47B(b)

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

- s. 47B(b)

Agenda Item 15: Other Business (All)

- The Chair noted that many members have credit for the Mantra in Kingscliff after having to cancel in March due to the Tropical Cyclone.
- NSW Police noted they are happy to host RMG and a range workshop in Kingscliff in October which will coincide with the 50th year anniversary of the NSW Firearms Registry.
- Northern Territory noted they are happy to host the next FWPWG meeting in Darwin.
- The Chair thanked members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting.

End of Day 2 - Meeting Close



Meeting Agenda: Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group Meeting

Date: 16 October 2025

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 AEST (VIC, NSW, ACT, TAS)
08:00 – 16:00 AEST (daylight savings) (QLD)
08:30 – 16:30 ACDT (SA)
07:30 – 15:30 ACST (NT)
06:00 – 13:00 AWST (WA)
11:00 – 19:00 NZDT (NZ)

Location: Level 1, 62 Cylinders Drive, Kingscliff NSW 2487

Item	Time (AEST)	Agenda Item	Lead	Action
1.	09:00 – 09:05	Welcome, housekeeping and introductions	Chair	Nil
2.	09:05 – 09:20	Open action items and previous meeting minutes	Chair	Agreement
3.	09:20 – 09:25	Review Terms of Reference	Chair	Agreement
4.	09:25 – 09:45	National Firearms Data Snapshot	Home Affairs	Presentation and Next Steps
5	09:45 – 10:30	AIC Firearms and Firearms-Related Research	AIC	Presentation
Morning Tea (10:30 – 11:00)				
6	11:00 – 11:20	Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Update	NTPOL	Presentation
7	11:00 – 11:40	National Firearms Technical Review Committee – update and pilot recommendation - paper	Home Affairs	Update Agreement
8	11:40 – 12:30	Weapons Update	Home Affairs	Discussion and Agreement
Lunch (12:30 – 13:15)				
9	13:15 – 13:35	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	ACIC	Update
10	13:35 – 14:00		Home Affairs	Update and Endorsement
11	14:00 – 14:50		Home Affairs	Briefing
12	14:50 – 15:20	Horizon Scanning – Firearms and Weapons - paper	All	Discussion Agreement
Break (15:20 – 15:30)				
13	15:30 – 16:30	Jurisdictional Updates	All	Discussion
14	16:30 – 17:00	Review of action items Other Business Next Meeting Confirmation	Chair All	Discussion Agreement

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Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group Minutes

Meeting date:	16 October 2025	Meeting time:	9:00am – 5:00pm AEDT
Location:	Level 1, 62 Cylinders Drive, Kingscliff NSW 2487		
Attendees:			
- Chair: s. 22(1)(a)(ii), Home Affairs s. 22(1)(a)(ii), Home Affairs s. 22(1)(a)(ii), Home Affairs s. 22(1)(a)(ii), Home Affairs s. 22(1)(a)(ii), Home Affairs (Virtual) s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACT Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACIC s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACIC s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACIC s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACIC (Virtual) s. 22(1)(a)(ii), AIC s. 22(1)(a)(ii), DFAT s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NSW Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NSW Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), NSW Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), NZ Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ABF s. 22(1)(a)(ii) NT Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), NT Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), QLD Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), QLD Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), QLD Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), SA Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), SA Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), TAS Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), TAS Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), TAS Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), TAS Police (Virtual) s. 22(1)(a)(ii), VIC Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), VIC Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), VIC Police (Virtual) s. 22(1)(a)(ii), VIC Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), VIC Department of Justice s. 22(1)(a)(ii), WA Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), WA Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ACT Department of Justice and Community Safety (Virtual) s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ACT Department of Justice and Community Safety (Virtual) s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ABF (Virtual)			
Apologies:			
- Alex Engel, Home Affairs - Representatives from Department of Defence - Representatives from the Australian Federal Police s. 22(1)(a)(ii), ABF			
Secretariat:			
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Agenda Item 1: Welcome, Housekeeping and Introductions

- The Chair, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (Home Affairs), welcomed members and did an Acknowledgement of Country.
- The Chair thanked New South Wales Police for hosting the working group meeting in Kingscliff and passed the call to s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (NSW Police).
- NSW Police, welcomed members, provided an overview of housekeeping details and advised that those attending in person would be welcome to tour the NSW firearms registry following the meeting.
- The Chair acknowledged the passing of Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim De Waart-Hottart of Victoria Police, who were tragically killed in Porepunkah, Victoria on 26 August 2025.
- The Chair noted the work of the FWPWG and the National Firearms Register (NFR) Implementation Program is more important now than ever to keep Australians and first responders safe.
- The Chair conducted a roll call of attendees for the FWPWG meeting.
- No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Open Action Items and Previous Minutes

- The secretariat agreed to circulate the previous minutes to attendees following the meeting.
- Attendees agreed to keep the following action items **open**, noting an update from the Secretariat:

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Agenda Item 3: Review Terms of Reference

- The Chair noted the updates to the Terms of Reference reflect the changes of ministerial responsibility for firearms policy, criminal justice policy and law enforcement policy from the Attorney-General to the Minister for Home Affairs.

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- Attendees approved the updates to the Terms of Reference.

Agenda Item 4: National Firearms Data Snapshot

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (Home Affairs) provided an update on the National Firearms Data Snapshot.
- Members noted that the snapshot has been beneficial in developing internal briefings.
- Members noted the benefit of this information being captured 3-4 times per year and provided to FWPWG members.

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- Home Affairs noted that there has been an expression of interest from the NFR National Stakeholders for information on National Firearms Data to be publicly available.
- Members agreed that it would be beneficial for a report to be published annually on 30 June.

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Home Affairs to develop an annual snapshot on National Firearms Information that is available to the public.

Agenda Item 5: AIC Firearms and Firearms-Related Research

- s. 47F(1) provided a presentation on recent research

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Agenda Item 6: Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Update

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (NT) led a presentation to inform FWPWG members on the recent trial of OC spray in the NT.
- NT noted requirements and restrictions in place on OC spray use.
- NT noted trends that can be observed with data collected to date on the trial.
- Members discussed the requirements and restrictions of OC spray use across Australia.
- NT noted the resources, implementation and next steps for this trial.
- Members discussed the recording requirements across dealerships.

Agenda Item 7: National Firearms Technical Review Committee

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (Home Affairs) provided an update on the National Firearms Technical Review Committee.
- Home Affairs noted that the Terms of Reference (ToRS) have been circulated to visibility and comments noting that matters raised in this committee are likely to have policy operational implications.

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Agenda Item 8: Weapons Update

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Agenda Item 12: Horizon Scanning – Firearms and Weapons

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Agenda Item 13: Jurisdictional Update (All)

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• Western Australia

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• Tasmania

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- Australian Capital Territory

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- New Zealand Police

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- Home Affairs

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- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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- Australian Border Force

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- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

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Agenda Item 14: Next Meeting Confirmation & Other Business

- The Chair noted that the next meeting will likely take place in Canberra in March/April 2026, followed by Perth (WA) later in the year.
- The Chair thanked members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting.

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