



An extraordinary Police Ministers Council was held on 3 April 2023 in Sydney. The meeting was chaired by the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Commonwealth Attorney-General. All jurisdictions were represented by Ministers or Senior Officials. This is the first formal Police Ministers Council meeting since 2020.

The Police Ministers Council paid its respects to Constables Rachel McCrow and Matthew Arnold and Mr Alan Dare, who were killed in Wieambilla Queensland in December 2022. The Police Ministers Council formally acknowledged the service of Constables McCrow and Arnold and the bravery of Mr Dare.

The Queensland Minister for Police and Corrective Services, the Hon Mark Ryan MP thanked the Council and acknowledged the work of all jurisdictions to support the development of a National Firearms Register.

Ministers acknowledged the important history of Police Ministers meetings and noted these meetings are essential to facilitate cooperation on important law enforcement and criminal justice matters.

The Police Ministers Council:

- (a) **discussed** the purpose and capabilities of a National Firearms Register,
- (b) **noted** a key outcome of the National Firearms Register should be improved police and community safety,
- (c) **agreed** the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission provide advice on costed options for a National Firearms Register for consideration by Police Ministers and National Cabinet in mid-2023,
- (d) **agreed** on a public consultation paper setting out the objects and key capabilities for a National Firearms Register,
- (e) **agreed** to consult publicly on a National Firearms Register through the release of a consultation paper, and
- (f) **agreed** to meet again in June 2023 to consider options for consideration by National Cabinet in mid-2023.