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New Firearms Regulations

The Liberal Party and Nationals are extremely disturbed by the Regulatory Impact Statement recently released by the Brumby Government which proposes a massive increase for some firearm licenses.


While coalition MPs welcome the small reduction of some fees, the Brumby Government cannot justify a 700% increase in fees to over \$7,000 for a dealer's license, nor a 250% increase in junior license fees. When we compare licence fees in other states, Victorian firearm users have by far the most expensive licensing regime in Australia.

Accordingly in State Parliament, Andrew McIntosh, Shadow Minister for Police and Emergency Services and other Coalition MPs have called upon the Government to reject February's Regulatory Impact Statement on the proposed Firearms Regulations.

The Liberal Party and Nationals will continue to monitor the Victorian Government's proposal to increase firearm license fees and will try to ensure the Brumby Government does not implement these unjustified increases.

Regulation and increased taxes on small businesses seems to be the mantra of the Brumby Government and firearm license fees are a further example of these unreasonable increases.

Yours sincerely



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