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Dear Mr Bannister

Thank you for your letter of 1 June 2015 regarding the update to the technical elements of the National Firearms Agreement.

As you may be aware, the update of the technical elements of the National Firearms Agreement stems from a recommendation in the Martin Place Siege Joint Commonwealth – New South Wales review, specifically that ‘the Commonwealth, States and Territories should simplify the regulation of the legal firearms market through an update of the technical elements of the National Firearms Agreement.’

This recommendation recognises that the National Firearms Agreement was written in 1996 and as such, may not accurately reflect the current operation of the legal firearms market. The Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group, which is chaired by my department and includes representatives from each State and Territory, is currently working to identify those areas of the National Firearms Agreement that would benefit from being updated.

As part of this process a broad range of stakeholders will be consulted, including the firearms community (industry and recreational groups) and other relevant community organisations.

Thank you again for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Keenan', written in a cursive style.

**Michael Keenan**

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