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Firearms Control Amendment Bill

Colleagues

On 24 Feb, Government published a provisional draft amendment with an invitation for inputs to be handed to **SAPS**. We and the rest of the industry complied on 31 March.

The amendment was then redrafted and subsequently tabled in Parliament as The Firearms Control Amendment Bill. (See attached – slightly refined from the version in CHASA komms of 19 May.) It has now been referred for consideration & report to the Portfolio Committee on Safety and Security, whose chair, Maggie Sotyu, has just published an invitation for written submissions to be handed to **the portfolio committee** by 10 July, after which public hearings will also be conducted. (Bear in mind that the 31 March inputs were handed to SAPS and that it is very probable that the portfolio committee has never seen these.)

Submissions must be addressed to:
The Secretary to Parliament,
PO Box 15,
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and marked for attention of
Mr Jeremy Michaels,
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The original draft contained 12 issues:

- 1. Relicensing.** We lost this one. Government fears the risk of being sued by the first wave of renewees for costs or losses incurred.
- 2. Silencers.** Still not won, but 'Registrar may issue a permit' have been replaced by 'Registrar can authorise'.
- 3. Brokering.** We won.
- 4. Muzzle loaders.** We won, although cap and ball revolvers are not covered.
- 5. Firearm collections.** Half a victory, as a new need for approval by the SA Heritage Commission, has now surfaced.
- 6. Ammo collections.** We won.
- 7. Game Ranching as a 10 year business.** We won.
- 8. Under 21's to oversee usage.** We lost.
- 9. Inheritance in a trust.** We won.
- 10. Powers of the Registrar.** We won a lot, lost a little.
- 11. Additional licence.** We won.
- 12. Powers to inspect residences.** We won.

Half time score: Firearm owners 8½ - Gun Free SA 3½

Put differently: SA citizens 8½ - The global conflict movement 3½

The industry have strategised our way forward at a UFFSA meeting. **CHASA** will follow a two tier approach. We will firstly support the rest of our allies in the generic issues being relicensing, collections and the under 21's issue. The second tier would be to give special attention to silencers as the issue that are directly hunting related.

Gary Bauer will manage **CHASA's** submission for 10 July, and will also register us as an interested and affected party in order to make a submission at the public hearings. Please find attached his draft document, peruse and supply him with comments (especially good arguments re silencers) by Thursday 6 July at bauerg@iafrica.com

Please also make submissions in your own capacity, which can be amendments of your original inputs.

Regards



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Chair: **CHASA**

