



# Media release

Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Victoria)

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## Firearms review win for SSAA (Vic) members

SSAA (Vic) welcomes news that industry and shooting group representatives will be involved in the National Firearms Agreement 'technical' review, which is supposed to assess whether existing firearms regulations are adequate.

Minister for Justice Michael Keenan announced yesterday said that an industry reference group would be created to advise the Federal Government and the Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group. Early last year he abolished the Commonwealth Firearms Advisory Council, removing the firearms sector's right to consult on issues concerning the industry and the sport.

Last month, law-abiding gun owners were, again, disempowered when Prime Minister Tony Abbott suspended the importation of the Adler A110 shotgun without consulting firearms owners or industry representatives, such as the SSAA.

SSAA (Vic) has been working closely with industry and other shooting groups over the past several months to ensure our interests are protected. We have been intimately involved behind the scenes to ensure the SSAA is part of this review.

The Adler issue has been a smokescreen to mask the real agenda of the Federal Attorney General's department, which is to reclassify all lever-action firearms to Category C. It's the thin edge of the wedge to further restrictions.

We believe in the importance of our members having a voice in future policy relating to firearms, so this is definitely a win.

And Victorian Nationals Senator Bridget McKenzie deserves to be recognised for her involvement.