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Game and Feral Animal Legislation Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Bill 2025

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 **Licensing of minors**

Page 6, Schedule 1. Insert after line 27—

[13A] Section 19(1)(a1)

Insert after section 19(1)(a)—

(a1) the person is at least 18 years of age, and

No. 2 **Person with more than 5 firearms must not be licensed**

Page 6, Schedule 1. Insert before line 28—

[13B] Section 19A

Insert after section 19—

19A Person with more than 5 firearms must not be licensed

(1) The Regulatory Authority must not issue a hunting licence to an individual unless the Commissioner of Police certifies in writing that—

(a) the individual holds a licence under the *Firearms Act 1996*, Part 2, Division 2, and

(b) not more than 5 firearms are registered to the individual.

(2) A hunting licence is cancelled if more than 5 firearms are registered in the licence holder's name.

(3) The Commissioner of Police must notify the Regulatory Authority of the name of a person to whom more than 5 firearms are registered as soon as practicable after the registration of the sixth firearm to the person.

(4) In this section—

hunting licence means the following—

(a) a game hunting licence,

(b) a native game bird management licence.

No. 3 **Licensing of minors**

Page 8, Schedule 1[27]. Insert after line 19—

(2) Despite subclause (1), a restricted game hunting licence held by a person who is less than 18 years of age on the commencement day is cancelled.

No. 4 **Public must be given notice of proposed hunting**

Page 11, Schedule 3[1], proposed section 9A.6. Insert after line 16—

(3A) The Minister must not consider an application from a person for permission to hunt on designated land unless satisfied the person who proposes to hunt on the land has—

(a) given the public at least 30 days notice of the proposed hunting by a notice—

(i) published in a newspaper circulating generally in the area, and

(ii) published on a suitable government website, and

(iii) given to the relevant local council, and

(b) given the owners and occupiers of neighbouring land at least 30 days written notice of the proposed hunting, and

(c) erected prominent signage on the land to warn members of the public that hunting is proposed to occur on the land and the days that are proposed for hunting.

(3B) A notice or sign under subsection (3A) must prominently display details of how an objection to the proposed hunting may be made to the Minister, including an email address for lodging objections.

(3C) The Minister must, before granting permission for a person to hunt on designated land, consider all objections received from the public or the local council.

No. 5 **Firearms Act—exemptions**

Page 14, Schedule 4. Insert after line 1—

4.1A Firearms Act 1996 No 46

[1] Section 6B, heading

Omit "**for unlicensed persons shooting on approved ranges and**".

[2] Section 6B(1)(a)

Omit the paragraph.

No. 6 **Firearms Act—firearms approvals for minors**

Page 14, Schedule 4. Insert before line 2—

4.1AA Firearms Act 1996 No 46

Section 6B(3)

Omit section "12 years". Insert instead "18 years".

No. 7 **Firearms Act—use of firearms by minors**

Page 14, Schedule 4. Insert before line 2—

4.1AAA Firearms Act 1996 No 46

[1] Section 10 Applications for licences

Omit the note. Insert instead—

Note— Only a person who is at least 18 years of age can apply for, and be issued with, a licence.

[2] Section 28 General power to issue permits

Omit section 28(b).

[3] Section 32 Minor's firearms permits

Omit the section.

[4] Schedule 3 Savings and transitional provisions

Insert at the end of the schedule, with appropriate part and clause numbering—

Part Provision consequent on enactment of Game and Feral Animal Legislation Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Act 2025

Minor's firearms permits

A minor's firearms permit in force on the day the *Game and Feral Animal Legislation Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Act 2025*, Schedule 4.1AAA[3] commences is cancelled.