

I love my shooting

Then you need to
care about politics

Want to find out why?



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Shooting is political

Like it or not, shooting is heavily affected by politics. **Politicians have long made it their business to restrict what guns we can use** and where we can use them, to go after easy, inner urban votes.

Some politicians are in safe seats. This means they won't be voted out of office any time soon - and are safe to continue pushing for bans on what we do.

However the **majority of politicians either hold their seats by only a few votes**, or by a margin that may not remain 'safe' as the demographics of their electorates change.



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If enough young shooters vote the right way, it could make a big difference on whether you can continue shooting in the future.

We might even be able to win a few things back.

That means your vote is very important



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1996

The *1996 National Firearms Agreement* was the Federal Government's response to the tragic killings of 35 people in Port Arthur.

While the idea of a national approach to firearm usage seems attractive, the Agreement **was rushed** and had **a number of problems** with it.



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1996

The Agreement:

- took away semi-auto longarms used for farming, sporting and collecting;
- demonised shooters in the eyes of the rest of the community; and
- attacked the credibility of the shooting organisations who organise the events you participate in.

The Government had no interest in working with the shooting industry.



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2003

After the shooting of two people at the Monash University in 2002, the Federal Government moved to restrict the calibre, capacity and minimum size of handguns.

The problems with these changes were much the same as those from the 1996 NFA.

Again, the Government had no interest in working with the shooting industry



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2015

In 2015, a firearms importer posted a video online of a person using an **Adler A-110** lever action shotgun. No-one was hurt.

Opponents of firearm usage called the firearm a '**rapid fire**' gun which started calls in the media for its immediate prohibition.

Around the same time, the Federal Government had been contemplating a **review of the NFA** and said the review would also **include consideration of whether lever action longarms should be 'reclassified'**.



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2015

The Government is likely to reclassify rifle and shotgun lever actions so that:

- 5 shot lever actions become a **Category B** firearm; and
- Lever actions with a capacity of more than 5 shot become a **Category D** (ie. the same as military type firearms).

The Government continues to target
the shooting industry



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... and it will not stop.



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Future restrictions

It is not difficult to see that future restrictions **will be proposed**.

Some of them will get up if shooters don't change their voting habits.

Other restrictions they could call for include:

- **Scrapping** junior shooting licences;
- Reclassifying some **calibres** to Category C (ie the same as semi-automatic longarms);
- Reclassifying **detachable longarm mags** to Category C; and
- Requiring monitored alarms and / or heavier safes on all **home storages**.



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We'll do the work for you

As each election comes around, we will **review the candidates** and policies of the **major political parties**.

Then we will provide advice on **the best candidates to vote for** if you want to keep on shooting.

We'll also let you know **who to avoid voting for** (such as the Greens).



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The **worst thing** you can do is reward lazy politicians by voting for them again

The **best thing** you can do is follow the CFCV's voting advice



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