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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission - Infrastructure SEPP Amendment - Shooting Ranges

The opportunity to provide comment on the proposed amendment to support the continued operation of approved Shooting Ranges is appreciated.

The need to provide for the continued operation of approved shooting ranges is supported as they provide an important leisure/recreation pursuit.

There are a number of existing Shooting Clubs that operate existing ranges within Shoalhaven including, but not limited to: Nowra Rifle Club, Shoalhaven Pistol Club, Shoalhaven Clay Target Club and Ulladulla Pistol Club. From a review of our files each of these Clubs have approved range facilities within Shoalhaven.

In regard to these existing ranges, the most significant issue associated with the proposed amendment is the zones to which the proposed provisions will apply.

Council's Standard Instrument LEP is currently with the NSW Government for finalisation and notification. Each of the abovementioned Clubs/ranges have been reviewed against our draft LEP and the following overview provided:

Nowra Rifle Club – Separate land parcel (Crown Land) containing the range and associated safety template is proposed to be zoned RU2. It is noted that this parcel was previously State Forest and as such had a Rural 1(f)(forest) zoning.

Shoalhaven Pistol Club – Separate land parcel (probably Crown Land) contains the range. However the safety template may extend onto adjoining land. Both parcels are proposed to be zoned RU2.

Shoalhaven Clay Target Club – Part of larger land parcel (Crown Land) that contains the range and probably the associated safety template. The part containing the range/safety template is proposed to be zoned E2. It is noted that this parcel was previously State Forest and as such had a Rural 1(f)(forest) zoning.

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Ulladulla Pistol Club – The facility appears to include both indoor and outdoor ranges on a parcel of State Forest land that the Club occupy under a permissive occupancy. As such the parcel is proposed to be zoned RU3 Forestry (note: surrounded by a larger parcel to be zoned E1).

It is apparent from the above review that there is a history of shooting ranges in Shoalhaven being located on State Forest land. The Ulladulla Pistol Club range appears to still be on land owned by State Forests that is proposed to be zoned RU3 Forestry.

Thus it is strongly requested that Clause 133(1) in the draft SEPP amendment be modified to specifically include the RU3 Forestry zone. This will ensure that existing range facilities that are currently located in this zone are recognised / accommodated and can continue to operate and be modified if required into the future, consistent with other zones.

We can provide additional detail on each of the above ranges if required. I may be contacted on (02) 4429 3355.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gordon Clark." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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