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30/11/2013 Brad Hazzard NSW Government Dept Planning and Infrastructure

Re: SEPP (Infrastructure) Amendment (Shooting Ranges) 2013

Dear Minister

We are a small Pistol Club in Lismore and we are tenants in common with another club Lismore Target Rifle Club on land we own at Tuncester.

We believe the proposed bill will be of benefit to our members, in that at present we are not protected and constantly worried whether or not we have guaranteed tenure on our range in particular land adjacent to and in front of the firing line. The threat to our land is always in our minds as we have already had to fight for it in the land and environment court. Someone tried to build outside our fence, which would impacted on our ability to shoot as we were and the court found in our favour.

The lismore City council put in place a buffer zone around the range and fallout zone at that time and we would hope this SEPP amendment would reinforce that. Please do not leave us in a situation that we are at the whim of local or state government. And more importantly let this not be a tool where by ranges are closed under the name of this amendment.

In the past the land we purchased was part of a big bore rifle range which had its origins during the 1<sup>st</sup> world war or shortly after but when the army went to use the range in about 1989 a survey found that the Lismore City Council had allowed houses to be built in the template area consequently the range was closed by the commonwealth and then sold.

Trusting in your judgment.