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Dear Ms. McGirr

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

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the changes proposed in State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) Amendment (Shooting ranges).

The SSAA Northern Rivers Branch currently has 900 members and operates a range at Casino NSW. We operate a very busy range program with about 145 shoots programmed each year and about 3500 participations occurring each year. The Casino Range operates as a Regional Facility with members predominantly coming from Casino, Lismore, Ballina and Byron Bay.

The Branch is extremely concerned about the number of ranges that have already closed throughout NSW and what appears to be the likely future closure of other ranges. The Branch is also concerned about the complexity in obtaining approvals for new ranges.

The SSAA Northern Rivers Branch wish to lodge its full support for the changes in the planning process as described in the SEPP (Infrastructure) Amendment (Shooting Ranges) 2013.

Yours sincerely

Cherie Holdsworth

Secretary

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