

## **St Ives PC Submission on SEPP (Infrastructure) Amendment (Shooting Ranges) 2013**

Firstly the NSW Government, the Minister for Planning and his Department of Planning and Infrastructure are to be applauded for this move to make shooting ranges a permitted use and to avoid inconsistencies in the current planning regulatory framework.

Representing St Ives Pistol Club, we reiterate the concerns expressed at the workshop held on 4 November at the State Library relating to security of tenure, clarity of rules applicable to the range, etc.

Our comments on the proposed SEPP amendment are as follows:

1. It would be useful if the SEPP allowed the organisation responsible for the range to carry out modifications and constructions incidental to the purpose of the facility (target shooting) without the requirement to submit a DA for local council approval.
2. In spite of the SEPP proposal seeking to allow ranges to be a permissible use in E2 and E3 zones, this (environmental) connotation may be used as an objection to the construction of a new range or expansion of an existing range, placing its development in jeopardy or delaying the approval process. Appropriate outdoor recreational zoning will facilitate a more orderly range development subject to Firearms Registry (Range Inspectorate) approval of range plans and construction as well as the DA approval and consent process through local council. This is particularly relevant to the case where land is transferred from a National or State Park to Crown Lands for such development or expansion.

We urge the above issue be taken into consideration when developing the new SEPP such that any land on which a range is situated is assigned a zoning appropriate to the use for which the land is intended. It is obvious that the sport of pistol shooting is a recreational activity and therefore the land should attract the appropriate outdoor recreational zoning.

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