



# Wildlife, Policing and Firearms Committee Communique

Held on 8 November 2023

The Wildlife, Policing, and Firearms Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, 8th of November 2023, to discuss various wildlife management projects and issues, as well as the amendments to the Firearms Act and the National Firearms Register.

The meeting was also attended by representatives from NRE/GST, ADA, TDAC, and others.

The committee heard updates from NRE/GST representatives on the Wild Fallow Deer Management Plan Implementation Strategy, Property-based Wildlife Management Plans, and the peri-urban projects.

The committee discussed the challenges and opportunities for collaboration, education, and engagement with different stakeholders, such as recreational hunters, landholders, local government, and communities. The committee also discussed the urgency of the proposed aerial culling on King Island and the potential positive influence of the Invasive Species Council.

The committee reviewed the submission regarding amendments to the Firearms Act 1996 and the lack of response from the government. The committee expressed concerns over the potential impact of the amendments on the rights and responsibilities of firearm owners and users, and the need for communication with the relevant parties to express their concerns.

The committee also commented on the submission regarding the National Firearms Register and the lack of feedback from the government. The committee questioned the necessity and the security of having two registers, and the risk of information leakage.

There was a discussion regarding the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee with a request for information at the last meeting. A meeting with the Tasmanian Police regarding stock theft, armed trespass, etc was discussed. The committee agreed on the importance of these issues and the need for further information and action.

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