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Dear Mr Judd,

Thank you for your recent letter requesting the Australian Conservatives policy statement regarding firearms ownership leading into the March state election.

Australian Conservatives have and will continue to hold legitimate firearm owners in high regard. We recognise sporting, hunting, collecting and agricultural use of firearms as legitimate. All genuine sporting use of firearms is legitimate and we have advocated strongly to ensure that competitive shooters are not disadvantaged either domestically or internationally as a result of restrictive legislation.

Australian Conservatives strongly advocate for minimal government regulation and promote the principle of personal responsibility which would extend to firearm ownership and usage. We do however, recognise the need for a democratic approach to firearms legislation that provides a reasonable balance between the rights of law abiding licensed firearms' owners, public safety and the need to keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

It is for this reason, the Australian Conservatives were the only Party to be present at every meeting between the police minister and firearms owners during government negotiations over the new firearms laws and regulations.

Australian Conservatives advocated on behalf of the firearms' organisations when any of the new laws or regulations looked as if they could erode owner's rights yet there was no need to do so from a public interest perspective.

Robert Brokenshire is proud of the association and the representation he has made for over 20 years on behalf of legitimate firearms owners and if re-elected commits to continue that work.

We thank you for your excellent work promoting and protecting Sporting Shooters. If you would like to discuss the policy statement further, feel free to contact my office on 82379122 to arrange a time and I would be happy to meet with you or one of your delegates.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Brokenshire". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct loop at the end of the last name.

Hon Robert Brokenshire MLC