

POLICE — SHOOTING SPORTS AND FIREARMS INDUSTRY

Petition

HON RICK MAZZA (Agricultural) [12.31 pm]: I present a petition containing 260 signatures, couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned bring to the Parliaments attention our concerns with the administrative practices and internal policy developments taken by the Western Australia Police Force against the shooting sports and firearms industry within Western Australia with particular reference to Dealers, Manufacturers, Repairers and the operation of ranges used by firearm sporting clubs.

It is our grave concern and contention that the current administrative practices and internal policies are unreasonable and disproportionate to the object of public safety and consequently these have caused unnecessary significant economic harm and uncertainty to the firearms industry and lost opportunities of hosting interstate and international events in Western Australia. These internal practices and policies are severely impacting the lawful activities of the shooting sports and supporting industries.

We, therefore, ask the Legislative Council to inquire into the practices and policies of the Western Australia Police Force, and establish a Select Committee or refer an inquiry to the Public Administration Committee or another Standing Committee to inquire into the matter. The Committee's terms of reference should include inquiring into any excessive and unreasonable use of powers excised by the Commissioner of Police, in his administration of the Firearms Act and Regulations and the consequential impact on the firearms community and supporting businesses.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 3438.]