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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your correspondence of 21 August 2024 regarding Petition 4045-24 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 20 August 2024.

I appreciate the petitioners' concerns and I have asked the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to provide advice in relation to this matter so that I can be better informed about the issues raised.

I am advised by the QPS that section 133 "Participation conditions for concealable firearms licence" is the appropriate section of the *Weapons Act 1990*. Section 133(1) requires a licensee of Category H weapons to participate in not less than six (6) handgun shooting competitions conducted on different days in each financial year.

I am also advised that section 133(3) requires that, for a licensee who owns Category H weapons in 2 or more classes, their licence is subject to the condition that the licensee use a weapon from each class in not less than four (4) club organised shoots for the class in each financial year.

I am further advised the National Firearms Agreement 2017 presents the minimum requirements each jurisdiction has adopted in regard to firearms regulation. This Agreement at point 36 'Sports shooters – handguns', and Queensland's *Weapons Act 1990*, remains consistent with the matter raised within this petition.

While I appreciate that this will be disappointing to the petitioners, in the interests of community safety and to ensure that the principles and objects of the *Weapons Act 1990* remains consistent with the National Firearms Agreement 2017, it is not proposed to reduce any Category H licence minimum requirements at this time.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
Minister for Police and Community Safety