

Firearms (Use of Noise Suppression Devices) Declaration 2016 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2016- 52

made under the

Firearms Act 1996, s 31 (Firearms declaration by registrar)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Firearms (Use of Noise Suppression Devices) Declaration 2016 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

3 Declaration

I declare that a firearm to which there is attached a noise suppression device is not a prohibited firearm when it is being used by an authorised person for a prescribed purpose.

5 Definitions

In this declaration,

Authorised person means a person who is—

- a) authorised by a licence, permit or otherwise under the *Firearms Act 1996* to possess or use a firearm; and
- b) authorised by a permit under s 9(1)(b) of the *Prohibited Weapons Act 1996* to possess a noise suppression device; and
- c) either—
 - i. appointed as a conservation officer under section 28 of the *Nature Conservation Act 2014* (a conservation officer); or
 - ii. contracted or otherwise authorised by the ACT Government; or
- d) authorised by a licence under the *Firearms Act* to carry on a business as a firearms dealer, including manufacturing, acquiring, disposing of, repairing, maintaining or testing firearms or firearm parts.

Fauna includes—

- (a) a native animal; or
- (b) an animal declared to be a pest animal under section 16 of the *Pest Plants and Animals Act 2005*.

Noise suppression device means an article or device capable of muffling, reducing or stopping the noise created by firing the firearm, commonly known as a silencer.

Prescribed purpose means—

- a) killing fauna in a prescribed place, at the direction or under the authority of a conservation officer; or
- b) carrying out activities that are reasonable and necessary for a firearms dealer to manufacture, acquire, dispose of, repair, maintain or test firearms or firearm parts.

Prescribed place means a place—

- a) authorised by a nature conservation licence issued under section 273 of the Nature Conservation Act; or
- b) used by a licensed firearms dealer to carry on the business as a firearms dealer, including manufacturing, acquiring, disposing of, repairing, maintaining or testing firearms or firearm parts.

Robert Wilson
Registrar of Firearms

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