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Dear Chief Commissioner 

### **STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS (SOE) FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION DIVISION OF VICTORIA POLICE (LRD)**

I am pleased to provide you with my expectations for the Licensing and Regulation Division (LRD) of Victoria Police to guide the regulator's business process.

#### **Legislative framework**

As Minister for Police, I am responsible for administering the *Firearms Act 1996*, *Private Security Act 2004*, *Control of Weapons Act 1990* and other associated Regulations that affect businesses and the broader Victorian community. The SOE should be read within the context of the objectives, obligations and functions outlined in these Acts as amended.

The guidance should also be read in the context of any other legislative and non-legislative obligations on the LRD of Victoria Police.

#### **Emerging risks and priorities**

Based on consultation with the Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) and the LRD of Victoria Police about the government's priorities and emerging risks, my expectations for the LRD are as follows:

- 1) To continue supporting the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department and the Australian Crime Intelligence Commission through the Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group to develop the National Cabinet commitment to build a National Firearms Register (NFR), and to commence an uplift of its firearm registry databases to enable near real-time integration with the NFR.
- 2) LRD to continue working towards the implementation of the recommendations relevant to Victoria Police from the 2020 review of the Private Security Industry, through updates to business practices and policies to improve the regulation of the Private Security Industry in Victoria. It is acknowledged that new funding is necessary to support the full implementation of the recommendations.

- 3) To continue work to integrate aspects of service delivery of the firearms and private security licensing process with Services Victoria.

I request Victoria Police to incorporate these expectations into their business plans and include milestones for when the LRD of Victoria Police will meet these expectations. Their business plans should also include appropriate milestones to review the content of this letter and to advise me when it needs to be updated or renewed. I also request that progress is reported in the Victoria Police Annual Report.

I further request the LRD of Victoria Police, in conjunction with the Department of Justice and Community Safety, undertake a light touch review of the expectations in this letter as part of their annual reporting obligations and to advise me if there are any refinements they would recommend.

I am advised of the co-operative way in which LRD has worked with DJCS in fulfilling the requirements of this SOE, and I look forward to the LRD continuously working towards achieving best practice in the administration and enforcement of regulation.

Yours sincerely



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