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**Subject:** RE:

Much appreciated Alan, thank you.

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**Subject:**

Other Items that are not vests but are still Armor: Andrew, I would say that the back pack armour falls into the definition as per below from the regs.

### Back Pack Armor

A bulletproof vest or protective body vest or body armour designed to prevent the penetration of small arms projectiles is a category E weapon.

Ballistic Face Mask: I would say that the ballistics face mask also falls within the definition from the regs.

Side Armor Plates: Same deal for these, as basically they are the same as any body armour

Mobile Vehicle Shield: It depends what you are referring to here, as there is a number of different types on the net. There is one that you pull out when you step out of the vehicle and use as a shield, and then there is one that appears to be a shield that you put against the door as a shield to protect you when you are in the vehicle. So, this is a bit of a hard one without knowing what type you are talking about.

With the ballistics clip board, I would think that they fall outside the scope of the Weapons categories.

Hope all this helps

Cheers  
Alan

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**To:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]; Guild.AdamP[OSC]  
**Subject:** RE: Re Walther

Thanks Alan & apologies I couldn't take your call.

My only concern is that the Cat D definition only mentions centre fire rifle – not rimfire. As such the rimfire wouldn't form part of the Cat D definition. Therefore it would have to be a Cat C.

Am I correct?

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Adam/Andrew

I have looked at a couple of reference collection firearms that are of a similar type. These firearms were firstly a Armi Jaeger Model AP74 and then a Armi Jaeger model AP 80. The AP74 is an M16 lookalike and the AP80 is an AK47 lookalike.

I then searched the model number (without a space) on QPRIME and came up with a number of these firearms registered on QPRIME. You get a choice based on QPRIME as both the AP74 and AP80 came up as either Cat C, D or R.

There is also a type of firearm (Brand to search is Erma, model to search is EM1) on QPRIME which is a copy of an M1 carbine which is a centre fire military rifle in real life. All of these come up as Cat C, but once again could be argued is a Cat D based on appearance.

The trouble is there is an appearance factor written into the legislation:

Cat D

a self-loading centre-fire rifle designed or adapted for military purposes or a firearm that substantially duplicates a rifle of that type in design, function or appearance;

So, they will fall into this, if we accept that they substantially duplicate a self-loading centre fire rifle.

Cat R

(a) a machine gun or submachine gun that is fully automatic in its operation and actuated by energy developed when it is being fired or has multiple revolving barrels, and any replica or facsimile of a machine gun or submachine gun that is not a toy;

So, they will fall into this if we accept that the item is a replica or facsimile of a machine gun.

Obviously, when you took at the Armi Jaeger AP74 and AP80, there have been some decisions made about appearance, resulting in a whole range of categories applied to these guns.

Give me a call re this, apologies for the long email.

Cheers

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**Cc:** Trinder.JustinA[OSC]; Guild.AdamP[OSC]  
**Subject:** FW: Re Walther

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Hi Andrew

Please find attached photos of Walther 416

Regards

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**From:** Guild.AdamP[OSC]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 31 May 2018 10:31  
**To:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Subject:** FW: Classification of Verney Carron firearms [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

AI – NSW advice



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Morning all

We have a formal determination that the rifle is a Cat B. I'm trying to get a formal determination on the shotgun but logic would have it that as it shares the same operation as the rifle we would likely classify it as a Cat A. I'll let you know when that formal advice comes through. There was coverage last night on ABC radio on the matter.

We currently have 35 rifles in individual possession.

Kerry - you're in for an exciting ride.

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Subject: RE: Classification of Verney Carron firearms [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi Sch

Nice to hear from you

In Tasmania these are categorised as B

We have 8 rifles registered to firearm owners and no shotguns are currently registered

As a side note, as of the 22 May there is a Legislative Council Select Committee inquiry into the legislation changes that were proposed prior to the election.  
More fun to be had yet...

Regards

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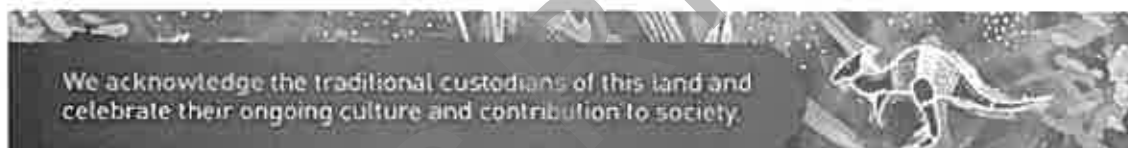
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Thank you all, and please let me know of any questions or concerns.

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**Attachments:** FW: Verney Carron Speedline [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**Importance:** High

Al

Further to my emails, appears we have about 300 registered Verney Carron speedline – all as Cat B.

So far,

SA – Cat B  
NT – Cat D  
TAS – Cat B



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Good afternoon AI,

Could you please provide advice in relation to the questions below?

Your office did look at the Verney Carron Speedline previously (email attached) for us and indicated it would be a Category D.

Could you please confirm and also provide further re the shotgun?

Thanks,



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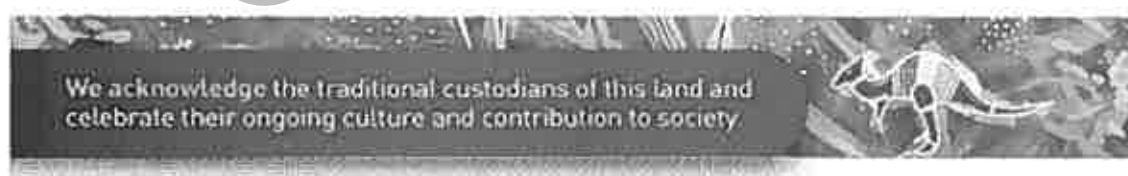
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**Attachments:** ballistics-report-Sch4.pdf

G'day Alan

I refer to the attached report under your hand re the Wedgetail firearm.

Sch4p4(6)

I was asked that we would require a statement from you detailing your expert knowledge and qualifications regarding firearms. On that note I respectfully seek the following from you:

- 1/ A statement detailing how you are an expert (in firearms); and,
- 2/ Your approval to release the attached report to this third party?

Thank you

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Inspector Smith:

Please refer to the below email and advise.

Regards,

Rochelle

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**TO: INSPECTOR, WEAPONS LICENSING BRANCH**

**FROM: Senior Sergeant  
BALLISTICS UNIT**

**SUBJECT: CLASSIFICATION OF WEDGETAIL WT-15 PISTOL VARIANT.**

1. A recent report from Senior Sergeant Cavanagh (attached) is requesting a categorisation of a firearm known as a Wedgetail WT-15 -223 Rem 9-inch pistol variant. This firearm is a member of group of firearms produced by Wedgetail Industries that appear to be based around an AR-15 type weapon. The AR-15 family is the commercial equivalent of an M16 rifle. ('M16-AR15: assembly, history, ballistics and reloading data for the U.S. Service rifle and commercial model, NRA publication 1987) This distinction is somewhat relevant as will be discussed later.
2. The item of particular interest within the group of Wedgetail firearms is that labelled WT-15-223 Rem 9-inch pistol variant. This variant does not have any technical information about it, apart from the calibre (223 Rem) and the barrel length (9 inches). The image of the variant also appears to be that of a weapon less than 750 mm in length, with a cylindrical buffer piece behind the action. The variant does not appear on the Wedgetail Industries website (Accessed 13:30 23/04/2018)
3. The length of the item is of specific interest in respect to Category H in that a firearm less than 750 mm in length is regarded as falling within Category H, however this does not apply to Category C, D or R weapons. Although not inspected, the image and information is that this variant is less than 750 mm in length so if regarded as a pistol (or what is described as a pistol variant) then could be regarded as a Category H firearm.
4. Perhaps of more importance is that fact that this variant is based upon a Cat D weapon, that is, a self-loading centre fire rifle, as indicated by the word 'variant'. Given that it is explicitly stated within the wording of the Category H section of the *Weapons Categories Regulations 1997*, section 7 (3) that it does not apply to category C, D or R weapons. This is usually applied by Ballistics Officers to firearms that have been shortened/sawn off but were of a category C, D or R type. This is the first instance that a request has been made to consider whether a firearm designed and manufactured as a self-loading rifle could be regarded as a category D even though under 750 mm in length.

5. To consider this question certainly from general appearance the variant appears to be identical to the all major features of the other two firearms within the family. The only major difference between the three is the barrel length, with the variant having a shorter barrel than the WT-15 10.3 inch SBR. This firearm (WT-15 SBR) is 750 mm in length in its extended form so it can be assumed that the pistol variant is less than 750 mm. The whole operating system and design however is of a self-loading centre fire rifle, and the whole idea of this action is to work in conjunction with the type of calibre (223 Rem).
6. The variant falls into both section 5 (1) (a) or (b) when considered the appearance and action is of a self-loading centre fire rifle that has as its direct origin the M16 as the military rifle upon which it is based. The extension to the rear of pistol grip on the variant is the buffer assembly, which is usual housed within the buttstock of a normal AR-15 rifle.
7. It appears (from the images at least) that the only difference between the pistol variant and a normal AR-15 is a shortened barrel and a lack of a stock. Every other aspect of the variant is of a self-loading centre fire rifle, a Category D weapon, so from a judicial view point the placement of this variant within Category D appears to be justified.
8. While technically it is less than 750 mm length (Cat H), practically it is a Cat D from design and appearance, hence the Section 7 (3) cuts in and the item therefore is a Cat D.



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**Subject:** Another Weapons Classification Question

Gents,

I don't know if this one has been flagged with you previously, however I thought I should ask your thoughts as ultimately it comes down to your expertise:

As you may be aware there is a company in Victoria called Wedgetail Industries who make (primarily) category D semi-automatic rifles as pictured below:

### Wedgetail Industries WT15 – 14.5" Carbine



**APPROXIMATE WEIGHT:2.6kg EXTENDED LENGTH:875mm COLLAPSED LENGTH:800mm**

### Wedgetail Industries WT15 – 10.3" SBR



**APPROXIMATE WEIGHT:2.4kg EXTENDED LENGTH:750mm COLLAPSED LENGTH:675mm**

They have also of late started selling (only in Queensland) a version without the buttstock and with a marginally smaller barrel the same 'rifle' as a pistol.



## WEDGETAIL WT15 – 223 REM 9 INCH PISTOL VARIANT (10 SHOT)



Unfortunately before we were aware of the existence of this weapon we had two dealers send in Form 10's stating they were category H weapons and they were created on the system and permits to acquire were issued for use in sports or target shooting for metallic silhouette.

As you would be aware before a permit to acquire can be issued for a category H weapon for sports or target shooting the applicant has to have a form QP518 signed off by the club to say the weapons is suitable for use in matches shot at the club.

This is where it becomes interesting – a third application for a permit was received and the applicant was told they needed a QP518 – the club Sch4p4(6) refused to issue the form as they believe that the weapon is a **category D** even though it is less than 75cm given the definition in the Weapons Categories Regulation that a short cat D is a cat D.

The club president for Sch4p4(6) stated in correspondence to the applicant:

*The short answer is that Sch is unable to issue a letter in support of the Wedgetail WT-15-01. This particular firearm does not meet the definition of a cat H firearm in the Queensland Weapons legislation.*

*The definition, for present purposes, of a cat H firearm is that contained in Reg 7 of the Weapons Categories Regulation 1997. You will note that while Reg 7(1) mentions a firearm of less than 75cm, that in turn is qualified by Reg 7(3), which excludes from the definition of a cat H firearm, a firearm that is within the definitions of cat C or D.*

*The Wedgetail WT15-01 falls within the definition of a cat D (Reg 5, Weapons Categories Regulation 1997) as a firearm that either is, or substantially duplicates, a self-loading rifle designed for military purposes; the operating mechanism is that of the AR15, which was designed as a military rifle, and the calibre is a rifle calibre. Merely removing the stock from a firearm that would otherwise indisputably be a rifle cannot turn the firearm into a pistol. There are some so-called 'AR pistols' manufactured overseas that are in pistol calibres (eg 9mm). There would at least be some scope for an argument that notwithstanding the operating mechanisms, these are not Cat C or D.*

*It follows that the Wedgetail WT15-01 is not a Cat H firearm and thus the Sch cannot support its acquisition under Sch4 authorisation as an approved pistol shooting club.*

*A couple of other points:*

*When Reg 22 of the Weapons Regulations 2016 to which you refer below refers to a pistol it is referring to a firearm defined as a pistol by Reg 7 of the Weapons Category Regulation. It does not, therefore, authorise the holder of cat H licence to hold a firearm that is not defined as a pistol by the Weapons Regulation Categories.*

Sch made inquiry of WLB in June 2017 and the advice we received was the same as the advice you have received :

*Information provided to weapons licensing, however reveals that these firearms are purpose built Category D firearms under section 5 of the Weapons Categories Regulation (that is manufactured as self-loading centre fire rifles) Therefore it is our view that these would remain a Category D firearm regardless of the weapon length.*

*The fact that WLB may have issued a PTA in respect of the Wedgetail WT-15-01 does not constitute a reason why WLB must issue a PTA to anyone else. It does not constitute a precedent and WLB's statutory powers cannot be estopped. I suspect that WLB have only now woken up to the reality of what the Wedgetail WT 15-01 actually is.*

Given the definitions of Cat D and Cat H:

## **5 Category D weapons**

(1) Each of the following is a category D weapon—

(a) a self-loading centre-fire rifle designed or adapted for military purposes or a firearm that substantially duplicates a rifle of that type in design, function or appearance;

(b) a non-military style self-loading centre-fire rifle;

## **7 Category H weapons**

(1) A firearm, including an air pistol and a blank-fire firearm, under 75cm in length, other than a powerhead, is a category H weapon, regardless of whether it has been rendered permanently inoperable.

(2) A conversion unit is also a category H weapon.

**(3) This section does not apply to a powerhead or category C, D or R weapon.**

I am of the opinion that Sch are correct and this firearm should rightly be categorised as a cat D weapon, regardless of how the manufacture is trying to market it.

Queensland is the only jurisdiction that these weapons have penetrated as all other states have designated them as assault rifles – category D.

Can you please advise what your thoughts are on the correct classification of this weapon.

Regards

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Today Michael and I had a meeting with Adrian Roudenko ([Adrian.roudenko@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:Adrian.roudenko@justice.qld.gov.au)) and Craig Moffat from the Office of Fair Trading.

The Standard (that we have been using to support our findings of injury) only applies to children's projectile toys. Children's projectile toys must meet the following criteria:

- They are supplied new (i.e. they are imported by a company and then on-sold)
- Designed or clearly intended for use in play by children up to the age of fourteen years
- Capable of launching a projectile

As you would understand, the second point is a difficult thing to prove. Basically if it looks like a toy (i.e. very colourful and designed to attract a child's attention), and it is able to be used by a child (i.e. trigger pulls that a child could use, distance between grip and trigger, etc.), then it will qualify. There may be more points than this, as a matter of interest I have asked if they could send us the criteria they look at.

When they looked at Michael's jobs, they immediately noted that the long arm gel ball gun relating to FR1693290, would qualify as a toy and as such would fall under the requirement of the standards. The other example Michael had was a pistol subject of FR1641547 and barcode 790299537. This would not fall within the standards as it wouldn't be considered to be for use in play by children up to fourteen years old. Have a look at the images if you want to see the difference.

They stated that their organisation is reactive only and that their purpose is to take action against the importers of toys which don't meet the standards (i.e. fines, recalls, etc.). As they are reactive, there is nothing stopping someone ordering in a 1000 guns and selling them, or individuals buying them randomly from websites. They will only assess articles they have become aware of through complaints or border protection seizures, and so on. They are currently in the process of putting the onus onto the suppliers to show that the items have been tested against our standards before importation (conservatively this is 18 months away). In the case of a couple of the gel ball guns there was a report provided by Chinese testing authorities. There was a concern that these organisations are not accredited. We were assured by Adrian that they do check out all reports provided by sellers, and even though they may not be NATA accredited, the companies to appear on lists of other accreditation bodies.

What does this mean for us. Not much good news I am afraid.

- Gel ball guns that are not clearly identifiable as being intended for use in play by children up to the age of fourteen years, do not need to be tested by the standard and aren't the responsibility of the Office of Fair Trade. (That's the ones that they become aware of)
- There will be a lot of them because the Office of Fair Trading is reactive only and there is very little to prevent the importation of these items.

On another note, I have asked if they can identify the source of the critical values used in the calculations for projectile energy. This may provide us with more useful information when testing air soft guns etc.

If there are any questions please come and see Michael or myself,

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**Attachments:** CPN.DOC; Explanatory Statement.doc

I have had a read of both of the attached documents, being the CPN and the Explanatory Statement.

Basically this is all about setting up a National Standard for Projectile Toys as the various states were doing different things. This came into effect on 1 January 2011. **The CPN is the new standard.** It references the sections from the Toy Standard we have been using for our testing AS NZS ISO 8124, that are believed to be relevant to fulfil this purpose. However, there are some important amendments:

Key points are:

### Explanatory Statement

This is basically a cost benefit analysis about whether the industry should self-regulate or the government should take control (the Government won)

On page 8 it discusses responses from different interest groups during the consult phase. This brings up the issue of the projectiles being a choking hazard. What came out of this is that the test for a choking hazard (small parts cylinder test) now **only** relates to projectiles with a suction cap tip. They found that there was no significant evidence of choking occurring with other projectile types and also found that by testing all projectiles it could unnecessarily eliminate some toys from the market (yay for capitalism). This is declared at the end of page 9 and start of page 10.

### Consumer Protection Notice (CPN)

As previously stated this is the new standard and provides the amendment to clause 4.18.2(d) which relates to choking hazards (see above).

It also provides a definition for children's projectile toys. This is interesting as it states for the purpose of the standard these toys are products supplied new that are designed or clearly intended for use in play by children up to the age of fourteen years, **and** which are capable of launching a projectile. So if you go to the email below from Craig MOFFAT, the three dot points are not an "or" proposition they are an "and".

My questions:

- In order for us to apply the standard set out in the CPN, do gel ball guns need to fit the definition of a Children's Projectile Toy? Good luck proving that one.
- What about air softs?
- Should we be worried about classifying things as a toy? Seems like a job for the Consumer Product Safety Unit not us.
- Does all this matter? We are applying legislation not a standard. We used the equations from the standard, as logically the threshold indicates the baseline at which something nasty can occur, i.e. it infers injury. It

would be nice to know where the figures come from though, so perhaps we can task Craig and his manager Adrian to find this out?

Apparently there is a meeting with Craig and Adrian next Friday, so should be interesting.

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Hi Alan

The mandatory standard for projectile toys applies to toys that are:

- supplied new
- designed or clearly intended for use in play by children up to the age of 14 years
- capable of launching a projectile.

Consumer Protection Notice (CPN, see attached) No. 16 of 2010 sets out the mandatory requirements for projectile toys.

The mandatory standard is based on certain sections of the voluntary Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS ISO 8124.1:2002 Safety of toys Part 1 – Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties.

Therefore the toy only needs to meet the minimum requirement of the standard as set out in the CPN and not all of the voluntary requirements of the standard, which relates to the items you have highlighted below.

I think it may be better for myself and my manager, Adrian to come down to Police HQ to have a look at the gun and then we can assess and discuss it.

Can you let me what dates/times suits you. Thanks

Regards

*Craig Moffat*

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Craig

Attached is the standard.

The queries we have are :

1. If a gel gun is tested and its projectiles are found to be over 0.08 Joules in energy, what does this make the item (toy v firearm v grey area?)
2. If the projectile is over 0.08 Joules, then the Standard also talks about putting a resilient material over the tip of the projectile. We assume because these are pellets, then this would not be a viable option?? The standard then talks about 0.16J/square centimetre when the 0.08 J level is passed, and the tips are required. What does it mean when this level is exceeded?
3. In the description of Projectile Toys with Stored Energy, the notation is made at the bottom that projectiles for such items must pass the small cylinder test. From an examination of the small cylinder design, it would

appear that the projectiles for the gel guns would fail this test in both their dehydrated and hydrated forms. From the two certificates that I have seen regarding the gel guns both say N/a, however this appears to be applicable within the Projectile Toy with Stored Energy considerations?

Is it possible that the Standard may need to be addressed or are we not reading the Standard correctly (which is quite possible)?

Cheers and thanks for any assistance

Alan

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Good morning AI,

Please see the below email from Border force in relation to Gel Balls and recent court decision where they can no longer treat them as a prohibited import.

Can you please advise:

- how you see this impacting on the QPS?
- if Ballistics have classified the Gel Ball type guns from the Sunshine Coast Halloween incident?
- If the Weapons Regulation amendment commencing in March 18 will capture Gel Ball Style guns?

ABF will now direct persons wishing to import Gel Ball Style Guns to QPS to apply for a B709A importation permit. Initial thoughts are that Weapons will request importation applications to provide a sample/s of the Gel Ball style Guns to QPS Ballistics for testing to classify if they are a firearm or toy prior to considering issuing an importation permit.

I anticipate this will provide a significant increase in workload for Weapon's Licencing and Ballistics particularly as ABF will be implementing a post importation scheme.

I will be contacting ABF with the possibility of discussing this further either tomorrow or Friday morning; can you please advise if you wish to attend and your availability.

Kind Regards



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Mark

I write to advise you of a recent court outcome that will likely have implications for your team's workload. This outcome requires a change from the advice we have previously provided you in early November on aspects of this topic.

His Honour Magistrate Shearer found in the matter of Comptroller-General of Customs v Clark CFP Pty Ltd (unreported Queensland Magistrates decision) that the items seized did not fall within the meaning of "firearm" as defined in Regulation 4F of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* (PI Regulations). The primary basis for the decision was that the items did not discharge a shot, bullet or other projectile. The decision focused on the meaning of "other projectile". In this regard the Court found that:

- "regulation 4F is directed to the prohibition of firearms that fire bullets, shot or similar types of physically dangerous ammunition, and that the regulation is not directed to the prohibition of toys despite their appearance";
- "Parliament intended by the use of the words "other projectiles" to capture metal or other hard ammunition capable of causing injury or death";
- The general words [other projectiles] were not "intended to capture objects that are ultimately harmless or relatively harmless when impacting with a person";

We are working through the practical impacts of the decision. It is likely that we will be revoking seizures notices for a large number of consignments and that we will be both issuing detention notices for these consignments of imitation firearms and inviting importers to apply the post importation permission scheme to see if they meet the police certification test and can obtain a permit. New consignments will likely be classified as imitation firearms and importers advised that they are required to comply with the police certification test

I acknowledge the implications for your team and would be pleased to discuss this matter with you.

Kind regards

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Thanks Al.



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Mark

Both myself and Michael have looked through the letter and agree that the gas mechanism would not be within the definition of a blank fire. As the writer points out, it is when they are placed within the replica firearm that the whole thing becomes a blank fire firearm. (**blank-fire firearm** means a firearm, or a replica of a firearm, that is incapable of discharging a projectile.)

This then raises the questions about the category that such a blank fire firearm would fall into, and obviously the majority of the firearms they are talking about are Category R.

It would appear that maybe a variation or special authorisation from WLB could be made for the times when the devices are to be assembled into the replicas through an application from the group. At least that way you would not have to change legislative wording and would still have some vision as to when the devices were to be used.

Re the shotguns, I guess as long as they have the armourer's certificate they are just replicas of cat A firearms.

Cheers

Alan

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**Subject:** FW: Qld Living History Federation - Submission, ownership and usage of Gas Guns under the Qld Weapons Act & its regulations

Al,

Are you able to provide some advice regarding your thoughts on this one?

We have also had an inquiry today with people wanting to use permanently inoperable Cat A shotguns that have an infra-red installed in them to shoot at reusable clay targets.

Thanks



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**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 November 2017 13:01  
**To:** Scientific Ballistic Unit  
**Subject:** <https://www.backyardblasters.com.au/pages/gel-ball-blasters-what-are-they-and-how-do-they-work>

Good afternoon Ballistics Team,

Weapons Licensing regularly receives inquiries regarding Gel Ball guns.

Australian Border Force (ABF) have classified them as "Soft Air" Guns.

ABF have also classified any Gel ball gun that is a machine gun replica as an Item 12.

Item 12 requires Ministerial permission for the importation.

Would Ballistics classify these items as "Soft Air" as ABF personnel have done?

Please see hyperlink.

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**To:** Ward.AlanJ[OSC]  
**Cc:** Scientific Ballistic Unit  
**Subject:** RE: Bump Stocks. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Alan,

We have not had cause to examine a bump stock here, but if they all function in the manner described on <http://www.slidefire.com/how-it-works> then we would not consider these Cat R weapons under Sect 8 sub sect 1(b). This is because they are not actually changing the operation of the firearm from a semi-auto to full auto.

With these devices fitted, the operation of the firearm is still the same, the stock just allows for a much more rapid method of firing.

Thanks

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**To:** Scientific Ballistic Unit <OSC-D-ScientificBallisticUnit@prds.qldpol>  
**Subject:** RE: Bump Stocks. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good morning Ballistics Team,

With the recent events in Las Vegas, Queensland Police Service Weapons Licensing requested an opinion from Australian Border Force in relation to the items known as Bump Stocks as to whether these items are controlled items.

Please see below the response from Border Force.

It is a major concern that persons having access to Category D weapons will be able to fit these items to those weapons.

Could Ballistics staff please provide an opinion as to whether or these items would be classified as Category R weapons as provided for in section 8 subsection 1 (b) of the Weapons Categories Regulation 1997.

Kind regards

Alan Ward

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**Subject:** RE: Bump Stocks. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Al,

Can you seek the opinion of our Ballistics Unit to see if they are of the same opinion please?

Thanks



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**Subject:** FW: Bump Stocks. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good morning.

Please see Australian Border Force response re bump stocks.

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**Cc:** Sch4p3( 2) [redacted]@border.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Bump Stocks. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Alan

The information below is for internal Police and Government agency use only. For a formal 'media' type response, you would have to go via our Department's media branch Sch4 [redacted]@border.gov.au.

Bump stocks and similar devices are not currently controlled under the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956. The firearms to which they can be applied however, are highly controlled and permission to import is only granted in very limited circumstances.

A firearm accessory is defined as:

*firearm accessory* means any of the following devices, whether or not complete, damaged, temporarily or permanently inoperable, or unfinished:

- (a) a silencer, sound moderator, sound suppressor or any other device designed to, or capable of, reducing the noise of discharge of the firearm;
- (b) a device designed to modify, or capable of converting, a firearm to give it any of the following capabilities:
  - (i) burst fire;
  - (ii) semi-automatic operation;
  - (iii) fully automatic operation;
- (f) a firearm part to which a firearm accessory is attached or is integral.

We have conferred with the Australian Federal Police and agreed that the bump stock does not actually convert a firearm to fully-automatic operation.

Fully Automatic is a firearm design that feeds cartridges, fires, extracts and ejects cartridge cases as long as the trigger is fully depressed and there are cartridges in the feed system. Actuation of the mechanism may be from an internal power source such as gas pressure or recoil, or external power source, such as electricity. A bump stock exploits the recoil of a semi-automatic firearm to fire shots in rapid succession, but it does not technically convert the firearm to fully automatic operation.

We also considered whether they could be a 'detachable stock' which is a controlled firearm part.

detachable stock means a stock that:

- (a) is easily removable from a firearm without the use of a tool; and
- (b) does not make the firearm dangerous to operate or unreasonable to fire when removed.

While some of the brands of bump stock do not appear to require tools to add them to a firearm, the absence of them would make the firearm unreasonable to fire, as you would have no pistol grip to hold onto, and the tubular part of the stock is still present (see image below)



Therefore the bump fire stocks are not controlled. It is important to note that they are designed to function on semi-automatic rifles. In Australia the importation of semi-automatic centrefire rifles of any magazine capacity, and semi-automatic rimfire rifles with a magazine capacity of more than 10 rounds is very highly controlled and classified to item 6 of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956. This generally aligns with Category D firearms, and permission to import these firearms is required from the Attorney-General's Department. This permission would be granted for Government and Australian military use, and vertebrate pest controllers who hold the appropriate licences in their state or territory.

As the stock is not controlled, we would not automatically hold it at the border. If a large shipment was detected however, it would likely be held and referred to our internal investigations teams, and/or the state or territory police, as they goods may be controlled by state law.

Happy to discuss,

Thanks,

-Sc

Sch4p4(6)

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Hi Sch

As per phone conversation,

Rgs

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**To:** Sch4p3( 2)  
**Subject:** Bump Stocks.

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Good morning Firearms Team,

The Authorised Officer Queensland Police Service Weapons Licensing has requested information regarding the importation of bump stocks into Australia.

With the recent events in Las Vegas it is of major concern that these items are being imported as non-controlled items.

The Authorised Officer is of the opinion that these items are category R weapons as provided for in section 8 subsection (1) (b) of the *Weapons Categories Regulation 1997*.

### **8 Category R weapons**

(1) Each of the following is a category R weapon—

(a) a machine gun or submachine gun that is fully automatic in its operation and actuated by energy developed when it is being fired or has multiple revolving barrels, and any replica or facsimile of a machine gun or submachine gun that is not a toy;

**(b) a unit or device that is capable of being used for converting any firearm to a weapon mentioned in paragraph (a);**

Please advise what action, if any, has been adopted by Australian Border Force to prevent the importation of these items into Queensland.

Please phone Queensland Police Service Weapons Licensing as a matter of urgency as the Commissioner Queensland Police Service requires a briefing in relation to this matter.

Kind regards

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**Sent:** Thursday, 5 October 2017 14:49  
**To:** Ward.AlanJ[OSC]  
**Cc:** Scientific Ballistic Unit  
**Subject:** RE: Classification of certain items - below.

Alan,

With respect to the below list of items, if unmodified, none of these are a gun or other thing ordinarily described as a firearm nor are they a thing ordinarily described as a weapon as they are not designed to cause death or injury.

As such we would not categorise these as firearms.

Thanks

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 October 2017 8:18 AM  
**To:** Scientific Ballistic Unit <OSC-D-ScientificBallisticUnit@prds.qldpol>  
**Subject:** Classification of certain items - below.

Good morning Ballistics Team,

Please see below inquiry from Victorian Justice Department – Sch4p4(6) .

*I would be very grateful for your advice on how the following devices, which are all currently treated as firearms in Victoria, are regulated in your jurisdiction. Are they treated as firearms? If not, are they regulated under another scheme (e.g. as a controlled weapon) or are they not regulated at all? The devices are:*

- *line launchers, used by arborists to attach lines to tree branches*
- *dog training devices, used by gundog trainers to launch a bait, ball or dummy for the purposes of retrieval training*
- *bird fright launchers, which discharge an firework-type cartridge or other noise generating projectile to scare away birds*
- *merchandise/t-shirt cannons, which are used to launch t-shirts or other light-weight merchandise into crowds*
- *bait launchers, used in recreational fishing to place bait at a distance from shore*

I realise that QPS Ballistics Section personnel, have considered some of these items previously, and it was determined that these items are not classified as firearms:

Line launchers – not a firearm.

Dog training devices – not considered previously.

Bird Fright Launchers – not a firearm.

Merchandise /T shirt cannons – not a firearm.

Bait launchers – not a firearm.

Please provide an opinion on the above in order that I may suitably address the inquiry from Sch4p4(6) of the Victorian Justice Department..

Kind regards

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**From:** Clark.MichaelD[OSC]  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 September 2017 13:15  
**To:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Subject:** RE: Ballistics determination please

I would argue that it is a target launcher and not a thing ordinarily described as a weapon in order for it to be captured as a firearm.

Regards,

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What do we think?

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**Subject:** Ballistics determination please

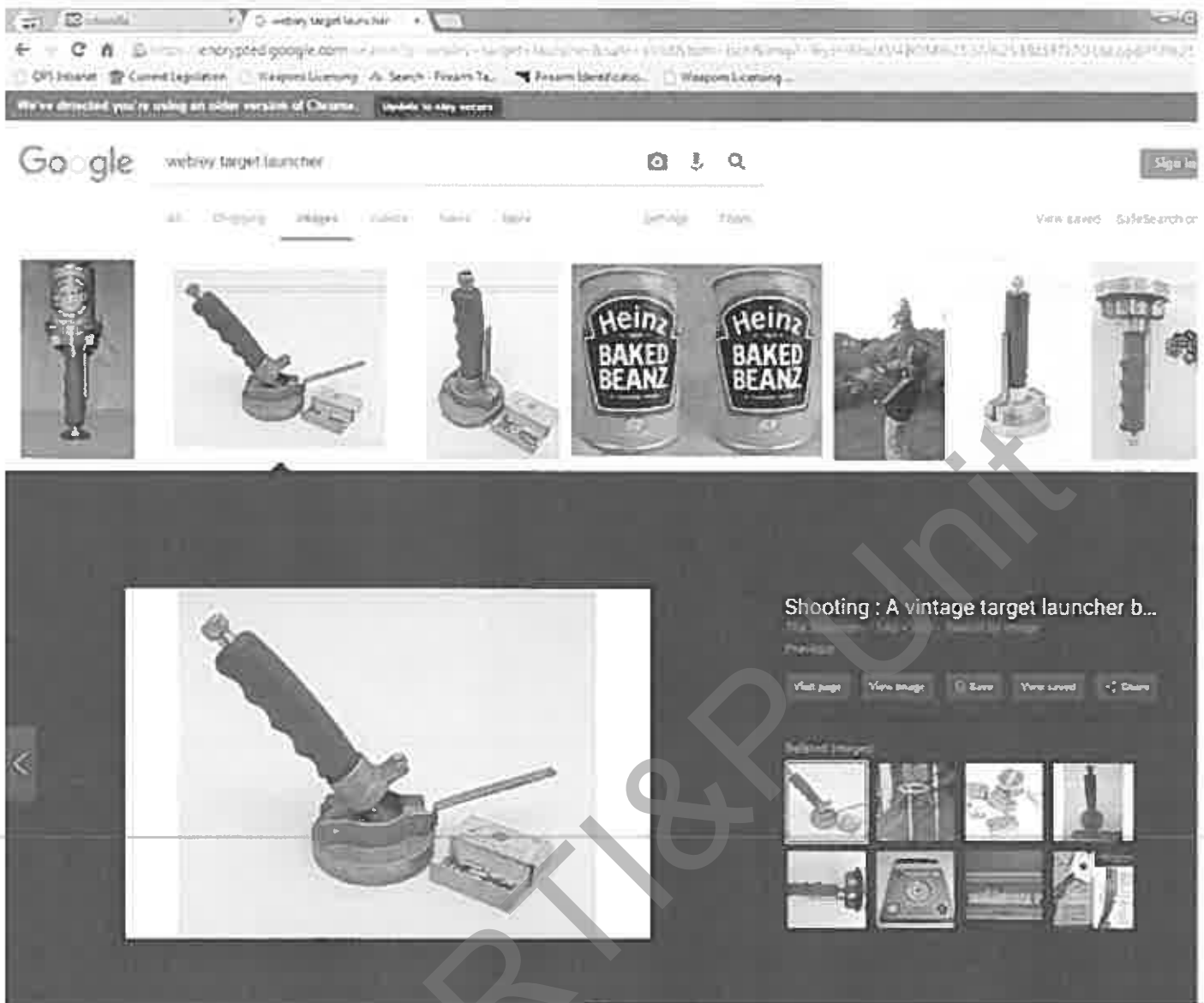
Hi Alan,

Just wondering if you could give me some assistance with this item please?

Have you ever heard of a 'Webley Target Launcher'?

This item apparently takes a .22BLANK round and fires off a can. I am just wondering whether it is considered to be a firearm under the Weapons Act and if so, if it has ever been categorised before?

The item has been handed in during the National Firearms Amnesty to a dealer in Queensland.



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**From:** Ward.AlanJ[OSC]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 15 June 2017 09:30  
**To:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Subject:** RE: Query re Verney Carron shotgun

Good morning Alan,

Thank you for that.

It looks like such weapons will be Cat A.

I will wait for further advice for your section before I let the dealer know.

Kind regards

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Alan  
See below re information from Victoria  
Cheers  
Alan

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**Subject:** RE: Query re Verney Carron shotgun

I don't mind Alan. As long as you make it clear to them that is just my opinion as a forensic firearm examiner and not the official position of VICPOL.

Cheers,

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**Sent:** Thursday, 15 June 2017 08:24  
**To:** Watson, Darren  
**Subject:** RE: Query re Verney Carron shotgun

Darren

Your comments are appreciated, and I know exactly what you are saying re the legislators not anticipating. This is what I have said to our guys, in that the new technology is not catered for in the old wording, and the legislators need to be more flexible.

Do you mind if I forward this onto the Weapons Licensing Branch?

Cheers and thanks again

Alan

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**Subject:** RE: Query re Verney Carron shotgun

Alan,

Our office is not involved in the legal categorisation of firearms down here in Victoria, it's our Licensing & Regulations Division, so this is just my humble opinion.

The definition of a Cat A shotgun under our Act is exactly the same as yours. Neither do we have a legal definition of *semi-automatic*.

Despite that the AFTE journal states '*... a portion of the operating or firing cycle..*' I would suggest that their inclusion of the line '*... also known as an auto-loader or self-loader*' indicates that the overall interpretation and intent should be more in-line with the definition of semi-automatic as used in the broader firearms community; that is a firearm which completes one full firing cycle with each pull of the trigger (i.e. fire, unlock, extract, eject, feed, chamber, lock & cock).

If we agree that the latter interpretation is the correct one, then the Vernon Carron shotgun is clearly a Cat A shotgun.

Unfortunately this another one of the modern-type of shotguns, like that stinking Turkish lever-action, that are being currently being manufactured that the legislators didn't anticipate when they drafted these definitions 20 odd years ago.

Perhaps it's time to petition a change to the definition of Cat A to read 'a shotgun (other than a shotgun with a repeating action)' i.e. break-open and single-shot actions only.

Hope this is of some help.

Regards,

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Colleagues

I was hoping that you could provide any information as to the likely category the Verney Carron shotgun would fall into within your state. (Lots of videos on Youtube)

We do not have a "semi-automatic" or "self-loading" definition within our act, and looking at the AFTE glossary we get

**Semiautomatic Action** – A repeating firearm that requires a separate pull of the trigger for each shot fired, and which uses the energy of discharge to perform a portion of the operating or firing cycle. Also known as an autoloader or self-loader.

As you can see it talks about "a portion of the operating or firing cycle." Hence, given that the action of pulling the trigger of the Verney Carron causes the weapon to fire/extract/eject/cock the weapon, this would certainly come under the "cycle of fire" term. The weapon then requires the firer to push a button, which releases the bolt, then the next action is the pull of the trigger to repeat the cycle. So if we say that the AFTE definition applies, then it is either Cat C or D depending on magazine capacity.

If we use the 'action' then Cat A applies, in that it is not a semiauto in the old sense of one round being fired for each pull of the trigger or a pump action.

Wording within our Cat A:

a shotgun other than a pump action shotgun or self-loading shotgun;

Any advice/assistance greatly appreciated.

Regards  
Alan

Alan Piper, Senior Sgt, QPS Ballistics Unit II FSG II OSC

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**Piper.AlanG[OSC]**

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**From:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 June 2017 10:49  
**To:** Ward.AlanJ[OSC]  
**Cc:** Bruce.IanS[OSC]; Clark.MichaelD[OSC]; Everist.ShaneR[OSC];  
Groundwater.DavidL[VIP]; Huth.AshleyM[OSC]; Manktelow.BevanJ[OSC];  
Meara.BrettJ[OSC]; Piper.AlanG[OSC]; Radnidge.Peta[OSC]; Usher.MarkW[OSC]  
**Subject:** RE: Verney Carron Veloce 12 gauge Speedline shotgun.

Alan

Here is the definition that I mentioned. (Version 6.101613 AFTE Glossary)

**Semiautomatic Action** – A repeating firearm that requires a separate pull of the trigger for each shot fired, and which uses the energy of discharge to perform a portion of the operating or firing cycle. Also known as an autoloader or self-loader.

As you can see it talks about “a portion of the operating or firing cycle.” Hence, given that the action of pulling the trigger causes the weapon to fire/extracts/ejects/cock the weapon, this would certainly come under the “cycle of fire” term. So if we say that the AFTE definition applies, then it is either Cat C or D depending on magazine capacity, of which I know little.

What would be argued is that the traditional view of a semiautomatic is that once the rifle is cocked, and there is ammunition in the magazine, a separate pull of the trigger will cause the weapon to fire until there is no further ammunition available. The Verney obviously requires further input from the firer i.e. the push of the button and then the pull of the trigger, and this action is separate from the pull of the trigger, not part of a “normal” semiautomatic and thus excludes this item as being regarded as a semi-auto. In other words, it falls into a cat A style.

In many respects this is a bit like the air-bow where it falls outside the current legislation wording, and needs to be looked at within the context of legislative wording change, rather than trying to shoehorn it into a particular category. Obviously Qld can have an opinion, which may vary with other states, so certainly an Australian-wide consensus needs to be reached. I know this sounds like fence-sitting, but until the legislators realise that there is new technology coming all the time, and they need to be more flexible, we will just get into these situations all the time.

Regards  
Alan

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**From:** Ward.AlanJ[OSC]  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 June 2017 10:24 AM  
**To:** Scientific Ballistic Unit <OSC-D-ScientificBallisticUnit@QPS>  
**Subject:** Verney Carron Veloce 12 gauge Speedline shotgun.

Good morning Ballistics Team,

The lovely personnel (term used very loosely) at the Federal Attorney Generals Department in Canberra have requested a Weapons Categories classification for the Verney Carron 12 gauge Speedline Veloce Shotgun.

Has any consideration been given to this inquiry?

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## Piper.AlanG[OSC]

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Meara.BrettJ[OSC]; Piper.AlanG[OSC]; Radnidge.Peta[OSC]; Usher.MarkW[OSC]  
**Subject:** FW: Broncos - T-Shirt Gun

If you want to keep this for any further enquiries re these items, then you will have it. See below email trail, as well as my comments.

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**From:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 January 2017 1:09 PM  
**To:** Breen.DamianJ[BR] <Breen.DamianJ@police.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Ward.AlanJ[OSC] <Ward.AlanJ@police.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Broncos - T-Shirt Gun

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Damian

We have had various discussions here at Ballistics about this item. We have come to the opinion that it is not something that would usually be described as a weapon as per the definition of firearm in the Weapons Act, and so does not come under our legislation.

So basically if you want to tell Suncorp to go ahead, then we really do not have an interest, and if someone gets injured/killed, as is stated can happen in the manual, then it is their concern.

Alan

*firearm* means—

- (a) a gun or other thing ordinarily described as a firearm; or
- (b) a thing ordinarily described as a weapon that, if used in the way for which it was designed or adapted, is capable of being aimed at a target and causing death or injury by discharging—
  - (i) a projectile; or
  - (ii) noxious, corrosive or irritant liquid, powder, gas, chemical or other substance; or
- (c) a thing that would be a firearm mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b), if it were not temporarily inoperable or incomplete; or
- (d) a major component part of a firearm;

What we have said in the past is that if it were to be considered a weapon, then it would be a Category B as it is a muzzle loading weapon. This of course sells a lot more papers and creates better headlines.

Cheers

Alan



## Category B weapons

(1) Each of the following is a category B weapon if it has not been rendered permanently inoperable—

- (a) a muzzle-loading firearm;
- (b) a single shot centre-fire rifle;
- (c) a double barrel centre-fire rifle;
- (d) a repeating centre-fire rifle;
- (e) a break action shotgun and centre-fire rifle combination.

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**From:** Breen.DamianJ[BR]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 January 2017 12:39 PM  
**To:** Scientific Ballistic Unit <OSC-D-ScientificBallisticUnit@QPS>  
**Subject:** FW: Broncos - T-Shirt Gun

Good afternoon

Below is an email trail of a question in relation to the use of TShirt air gun. Could any please provide me with information in relation to the use of this instrument.

Regards

Damian

**Damian BREEN** | Sergeant | Planning Officer

### NORTH BRISBANE DISTRICT MAJOR EVENTS PLANNING UNIT

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**To:** Breen.DamianJ[BR] <[Breen.DamianJ@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Breen.DamianJ@police.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Broncos - T-Shirt Gun

Good morning Damian,

I refer to recent email inquiry regarding the weapons classification of a T shirt launcher aka a T shirt cannon.

You are advised that Queensland Police Service Weapons Licensing cannot classify an item as a weapon.

Weapons classification is conducted by Queensland Police Service Scientific Section (Ballistics Unit) in Police Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane.

However, a previous decision by the Ballistics Unit in relation to a similar item used by the North Queensland Cowboys in their Stadium in Townsville, was that, the particular item to be used in Townsville, would not be classified as a weapon and therefore would not require registration to a licence issued under the provisions of the *Weapons Act 1990* (the Act).

But to be on the safe side, please contact the Ballistics Unit for a definite answer.

Kind regards

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**From:** Breen.DamianJ[BR]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 January 2017 10:01 AM  
**To:** Weapons Licensing Enquiries <ADM-D-WeaponsLicensingEnquiries@QPS>  
**Subject:** FW: Broncos - T-Shirt Gun

Good morning

Could I please get advice in relation to this email for Suncorp Stadium. Would appreciate any assistance.

Regards

Damian

**Damian BREEN | Sergeant | Planning Officer**

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**Cc:** Sch4p4(6)  
**Subject:** Broncos - T-Shirt Gun

Hi Damian

The Broncos are looking to purchase a new T-Shirt gun for games this season – please see link below:

<https://youtu.be/g3i8cNbpFvg>

It has since come to our attention that the t-shirt gun may be classified as a 'Category B' weapon – can you please confirm?

<https://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/weaponsLicensing/licenceApplication/weapons/categories/categories.htm>

We would like to assist the Broncos as much possible to move forward with this activity, but would like clarification if the t-shirt gun is classified as a 'Category B' weapon and thus needs to be licensed & registered?

Cheers,

Sch4p4(6)

SUNCORP STADIUM

## Piper.AlanG[OSC]

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**From:** Steenstrup.Steven[OSC]  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 May 2016 09:03  
**To:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Cc:** Bradford.ClaytonC[OSC]  
**Subject:** FW: 04786-2016  
**Attachments:** Sbnepn7216052616191.pdf; Minister Letter.docx; Briefing Note Template - PSBA.DOC

Alan,

Could you have a look at the attached proposal from Victoria? We have a very short turnaround on this (6 June). We understand that without having the actual weapon in your hands it can be difficult to give an authoritative opinion however, could we have your best guess so we can respond to the Minister?

Looking at demonstrations of it being used on UTube we think it will probably fall into Cat B not Cat D as the Victorians have gone.

I will call you this morning about this.

*Steve Steenstrup*

Sergeant 3887  
Weapons Licensing  
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**From:** Chapman.RebeccaK[OSC]  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 May 2016 9:39 AM  
**To:** Manager WL Branch <ADM-D-ManagerWLB@QPS>  
**Subject:** FW: 04786-2016

Good morning

DOC16/584528 refers.

Please supply a **Ministerial Reply** and **Briefing Note** by 06/06/16.

Kind regards  
Rebecca



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**From:** Leeanne Bani [<mailto:Leeanne.Bani@psba.qld.gov.au>] **On Behalf Of** ExecServ QPS  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 May 2016 9:10 AM



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### STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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Date: 8/05/2018

#### Statement of

Name of Witness	Alan Geoffrey Piper	Position	Senior Sergeant	Employee No.	4004732
Station	Ballistics Unit, Scientific Section	Contact Phone No	07 3364 6770		
Address	Queensland Police Service Headquarters 200 Roma Street, Brisbane	Region	Forensic Services Group Operations Support Command		

Alan Geoffrey Piper states:

1. I am a Senior Sergeant of Police stationed at the Ballistics Unit, Scientific Section, Forensic Services Group, Brisbane. This facility is accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) as meeting the requirement specified by the Australian and International Standard for the competence of forensic laboratories (AS ISO/IEC 17025) and the Australian Standard for forensic analysis (AS5388). NATA is recognised by the Commonwealth Government as the sole national accreditation body for establishing and maintaining competent laboratory practice. Accreditation requires adherence to an approved quality assurance system and participation in an external proficiency testing program. I have been the Officer in Charge of the Ballistics Unit since 2004.
2. I hold an Associate Diploma in Applied Science from the Queensland Institute of Technology, the Bachelor of Science from the James Cook University of North Queensland and the Graduate Diploma in Education from the University of Queensland. My duties include the examination of firearms and ammunition and I have approximately thirty years' experience at this type of work.
3. My training has included instructions by recognised experts, reference to texts and periodicals and the comparison of marks made by similar firearms and tools, including firearms and tools manufactured consecutively. I participate in the firearms and tool mark exercises of an international proficiency testing program for forensic laboratories (Collaborative Testing



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Services Inc.) which is co-ordinated in Australia by the National Institute of Forensic Science.

4. I have participated in numerous armourers courses and factory visits of firearms and ammunition manufacturing facilities. I have presented evidence in relation to the examination of firearms and ammunition throughout Queensland on numerous occasions. A portion of my duties involves the examination of items defined within the *Weapons Categories Regulation 1997* and I am an approved officer under the *Weapons Act 1990* for the purposes of certifying such items (Section 152 (1)).
5. The main purpose of the Ballistics Unit is to provide firearm-related crime scene examination and subsequent reconstruction of events resulting in firearms related defects, the identification of discharged projectiles and cartridge cases to suspect firearms, the examination of firearms for serial number recovery and the examination and assessment of items for certification under the *Weapons Categories Regulations 1997*.

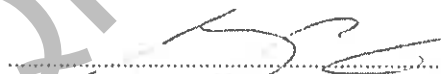


A G PIPER

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I acknowledge by virtue of section 110A(6C)(c) of the Justices Act 1886 that:

- (1) This written statement by me dated 8 May 2018 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 2 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make this statement knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything that I know is false.

.....Signature

Signed at Brisbane this 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2018.

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**Huth.AshleyM[OSC]**

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**From:** Huth.AshleyM[OSC]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 18 July 2018 14:32  
**To:** Smith.AndrewC[OSC]  
**Cc:** Scientific Ballistic Unit  
**Subject:** RE: Wedgetail ref 30037096

Sir,

The 9 x 19mm calibre cartridge (also known as the 9mm, 9x19mm Luger, 9x19 Parabellum, 9mm x 19mm P08) was first used as a military cartridge by the Germany Navy in 1904. It is the current NATO pistol calibre cartridge. Submachine guns and assault rifles are also chambered in this cartridge.

The most famous submachines are the World War 2 era German MP40, Allied Sten Gun and M3 Grease gun. In more modern examples of 9x19mm Luger submachine guns are the H&K MP5 and Israeli UZI.

AR-15 style self-loading centre-fire rifles are also manufactured in 9x19mm Luger calibre. Some examples are the AR9 by Wilson Combat, the UDP-9 by Angstadt Arms and the AR9 by Palmetto State Armoury (PSA) (<https://www.pewpewtactical.com/best-pistol-caliber-ar-15-carbines/>).

The Firearms Reference Table database listed 82 self-loading centre-fire rifles chambered in the 9x19mm Luger (It should be noted that this database is not exhaustive).

In summary, if a firearm is chambered in 9x19mm Luger calibre it is not necessarily a handgun.

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**Cc:** Manager WL Branch <[ADM-D-ManagerWLB@qldpolice.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:ADM-D-ManagerWLB@qldpolice.onmicrosoft.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: Wedgetail ref 30037096

Ashley

As dicussed.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Wedgetail ref 30037096

Hey guys,

Thoughts?

Unless the receiver have been modified we would consider this to still be the same firearm regardless of calibre yeah?

Cheers,

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From: Weapons.PRAD  
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 1:21 PM  
Subject: FW: Wedgetail ref 30037096  
To: Campbell.ScottA[OSC]

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Kind Regards,



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**To:** Weapons Licensing[ADMIN] <WeaponsLicensing@police.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Sch4p4(6)  
**Subject:** Wedgetail Sch4p4(6)

Hi, I got a letter for the hand in if my Wedgetail tail pistol. I rang weapons licensing on Friday & spoke to someone about it.

I explained mine is no longer 300 black out caliber. It's now 9mm.

I was told to write this letter, show a document from the armorer who did the conversion & some pictures. & I might not have to hand it in.

As you can see by the pictures it looks nothing like the original Wedgetail, not "tactical" looking or the ballistics of the 300bo cartridge.

has no gas system. Is direct blow back.

I have the pictures attached & armorer letter attached.



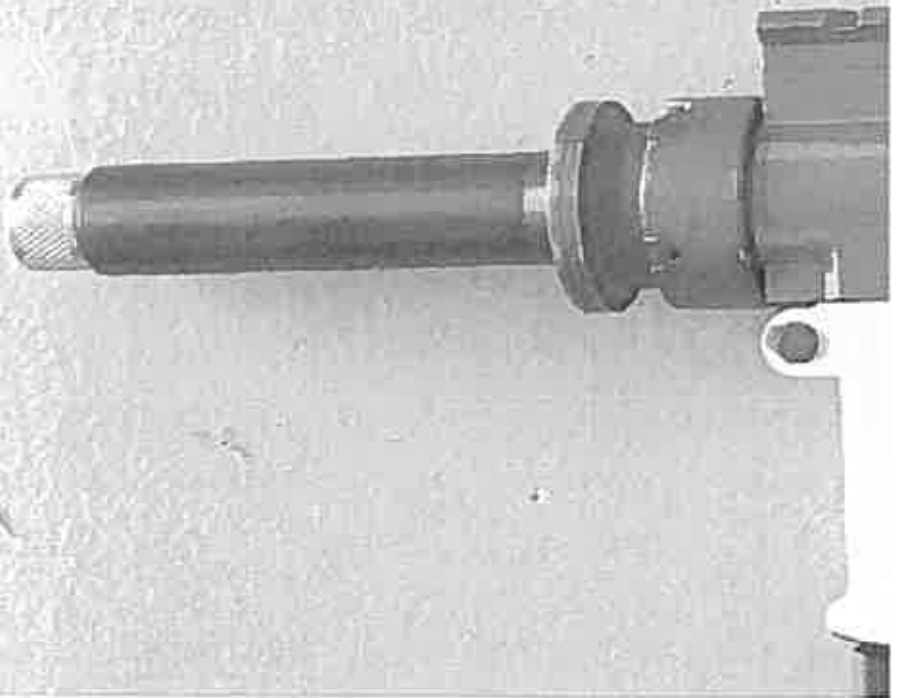
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07/19

Our Ref.: FR

Your Ref.: QP

23 April 2018

**TO: INSPECTOR, WEAPONS LICENSING BRANCH**

**FROM: Senior Sergeant  
BALLISTICS UNIT**

**SUBJECT: CLASSIFICATION OF WEDGETAIL WT-15 PISTOL VARIANT.**

1. A recent report from Senior Sergeant Cavanagh (attached) is requesting a categorisation of a firearm known as a Wedgetail WT-15 -223 Rem 9-inch pistol variant. This firearm is a member of group of firearms produced by Wedgetail Industries that appear to be based around an AR-15 type weapon. The AR-15 family is the commercial equivalent of an M16 rifle. ('M16-AR15: assembly, history, ballistics and reloading data for the U.S. Service rifle and commercial model, NRA publication 1987) This distinction is somewhat relevant as will be discussed later.
2. The item of particular interest within the group of Wedgetail firearms is that labelled WT-15-223 Rem 9-inch pistol variant. This variant does not have any technical information about it, apart from the calibre (223 Rem) and the barrel length (9 inches). The image of the variant also appears to be that of a weapon less than 750 mm in length, with a cylindrical buffer piece behind the action. The variant does not appear on the Wedgetail Industries website (Accessed 13:30 23/04/2018)
3. The length of the item is of specific interest in respect to Category H in that a firearm less than 750 mm in length is regarded as falling within Category H, however this does not apply to Category C, D or R weapons. Although not inspected, the image and information is that this variant is less than 750 mm in length so if regarded as a pistol (or what is described as a pistol variant) then could be regarded as a Category H firearm.
4. Perhaps of more importance is that fact that this variant is based upon a Cat D weapon, that is, a self-loading centre fire rifle, as indicated by the word 'variant'. Given that it is explicitly stated within the wording of the Category H section of the *Weapons Categories Regulations 1997*, section 7 (3) that it does not apply to category C, D or R weapons. This is usually applied by Ballistics Officers to firearms that have been shortened/sawn off but were of a category C, D or R type. This is the first instance that a request has been made to consider whether a firearm designed and manufactured as a self-loading rifle could be regarded as a category D even though under 750 mm in length.

5. To consider this question certainly from general appearance the variant appears to be identical to the all major features of the other two firearms within the family. The only major difference between the three is the barrel length, with the variant having a shorter barrel than the WT-15 10.3 inch SBR. This firearm (WT-15 SBR) is 750 mm in length in its extended form so it can be assumed that the pistol variant is less than 750 mm. The whole operating system and design however is of a self-loading centre fire rifle, and the whole idea of this action is to work in conjunction with the type of calibre (223 Rem).
6. The variant falls into both section 5 (1) (a) or (b) when considered the appearance and action is of a self-loading centre fire rifle that has as its direct origin the M16 as the military rifle upon which it is based. The extension to the rear of pistol grip on the variant is the buffer assembly, which is usual housed within the buttstock of a normal AR-15 rifle.
7. It appears (from the images at least) that the only difference between the pistol variant and a normal AR-15 is a shortened barrel and a lack of a stock. Every other aspect of the variant is of a self-loading centre fire rifle, a Category D weapon, so from a judicial view point the placement of this variant within Category D appears to be justified.
8. While technically it is less than 750 mm length (Cat H), practically it is a Cat D from design and appearance, hence the Section 7 (3) cuts in and the item therefore is a Cat D.



**Alan Piper**  
**Senior Sergeant**  
**Ballistics Unit**

QPS RTI & P Unit



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**Superintendent  
FORENSIC SERVICES  
GROUP**

This matter is set for Compulsory Conference at QCAT on 9 May, 2018. It is requested the file be referred to the Ballistics Unit for urgent consideration and response please.

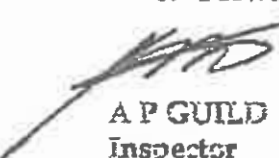
  
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20 April 2018

TO:	Superintendent SPECIALIST SERVICES GROUP
FROM:	Manager WEAPONS LICENSING
SUBJECT:	URGENT ADVICE REQUESTED FROM BALLISTICS UNIT RE FIREARMS CLASSIFICATION

1. I refer to the attached report under the hand of Senior Sergeant Cavanagh, Inspections Administrator, Weapons Licensing.
2. In relation to a current QCAT case set for compulsory conference on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018, information is sought from Ballistics Unit.
3. The firearm in question is a WT15 which is based on the AR15 semi-automatic assault rifle and produced by Wedgetail Industries in Victoria.
4. The identified issues encountered by the Authorised Officer in relation to this firearm are outlined in the attached report.
5. It is recommended that this report be forwarded to the Forensic Services Group, Scientific Section, Ballistics Unit, who are approved officers and are responsible for the categorisation of weapons within Queensland.
6. Forwarded for your consideration and attention.

  
**A P GUILD  
Inspector  
Manager  
WEAPONS LICENSING**

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10 April 2018

**TO:** Manager - WEAPONS LICENSING  
**THROUGH:** Operations Manager - WEAPONS LICENSING  
**FROM:** Inspections Administrator - WEAPONS LICENSING  
**SUBJECT:** URGENT ADVICE REQUESTED FROM FORENSIC SERVICES GROUP - SCIENTIFIC SECTION BALLISTICS UNIT IN RELATION TO FIREARMS CLASSIFICATION.

### Background:

1. The *Weapons Act 1990 (the Act)*<sup>1</sup> provides for the appointment of Approved Officers for the purposes of the Act.
2. An Approved Officer is the only person authorised under the provisions of the Act to provide evidence that an article, weapon or other thing is or is not a weapon of a particular type<sup>2</sup>.
3. Suitably qualified members of the Forensic Service Group, Scientific Section Ballistics Unit have been appointed as Approved Officers and are responsible for categorisation of weapons within Queensland.
4. In approximately June of 2017 a Victorian company Wedgetail Industries have commenced sales of a variation of the Remington AR15 semi-automatic rifle which they have designated as the WT15.
5. The WT15 utilises an AR15 receiver and is chambered in .223 and 300 blackout calibres.
6. The WT15 is available in ostensibly three models:  
WT15 – 14.5" Carbine  
WT15 – 10.3" SBR (short barrellled rifle) and  
WT15 – 223 REM 9 Inch pistol variant.
7. The WT15 is as stated based on the AR15 semi-automatic assault rifle receiver and the WT15 Carbine and SBR variants have been classified as category D weapons as they are more than 75cm.
8. The WT15 -223 REM 9 Inch pistol variant is the same basic firearm with the stock removed and the barrel shortened so that the firearm is less than 75cm.
9. The WT15 Carbine is 875mm (extended) 800mm (collapsed), the WT15 SBR is 750mm (extended) 675mm (collapsed) and the WT-15 pistol variant has an overall length of 610mm.

<sup>1</sup> Weapons Act 1990 S152

<sup>2</sup> Ibid S163(2)(c)(iii)

10. The Weapons Categories 1997 define a category H weapon to be any weapon that is under 75cm (750mm), however the definition of a category H weapon clearly provides that a category D weapon remains a category D weapon notwithstanding that it is under 75cms.

**ISSUES:**

11. Weapons Licensing is staffed by multiple staff members who do not have a high level of weapons knowledge.
12. Additionally, Weapons Licensing is reliant on the integrity of licensed Firearms Dealers to provide accurate weapons descriptions and details for entry onto the Commissioners Firearms Register.
13. It has come to Weapons Licensing attention that two of the WT15 firearms have been recorded in the Commissioners Register as category H weapons due to the Client Service Officers at Weapons Licensing relying on the information provided by Firearms Dealers when creating the weapon on the Weapons Licensing Management System.
14. This has resulted in two permits to acquire being issued for these weapons for club shooting competitions as a category H weapon.
15. A third application has been rejected as the applicant could not provide the requisite club authority<sup>4</sup> to possess and use the weapon at his nominated club.
16. The applicant in this matter has sought a review of the rejection through the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT).
17. As part of the application he is seeking QCAT to make declarations in relation to the categorisation of the WT15.
18. Weapons Licensing have lodge an application for Miscellaneous Matters to have the application dismissed as an abuse of process as QCAT does not have the ability to make the declarations sought.
19. There has not been a determination on the Weapons Licensing application at this time.
20. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2018, the attached email was forwarded to the Officer in Charge of the Ballistics Unit (Senior Sergeant Piper) and Sergeant Clarke of that unit requesting advice in relation to the classification of the Wedgetail Industries WT15.
21. The classification is sought as it is the writers view that all 3 variations of the WT15 are within category D and should be so classified.
22. Of interest in this matter is that the applicant in the QCAT matter is a member of the Sch4p4(6)
23. Sch4 have stated in their response to the applicants request for a club authorisation that they consider the WT15 to be a category D weapon in the following terms:

***The Wedgetail WT15-01 falls within the definition of a cat D (Reg 5, Weapons Categories Regulation 1997) as a firearm that either is, or substantially duplicates, a self-loading rifle designed for military purposes; the operating mechanism is that of the AR15, which was designed as a military rifle, and the calibre is a rifle calibre. Merely removing the stock from a firearm that would otherwise indisputably be a rifle cannot turn***

<sup>3</sup> Weapons Category Regulations 1997 s7(1)&(3)

<sup>4</sup> Weapons Regulation 2016 S100

*the firearm into a pistol. There are some so-called 'AR pistols' manufactured overseas that are in pistol calibres (eg 9mm). There would at least be some scope for an argument that notwithstanding the operating mechanisms, these are not Cat C or D.*

*It follows that the Wedgetail WT15-01 is not a Cat H firearm and thus the SUQ cannot support its acquisition under SUQ's authorisation as an approved pistol shooting club. (emphasis added)*

24. The reasoning given by SUQ accords with other Australian jurisdictions who do not allow any variation of the WT15 to be registered as a category H weapon.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

25. As this matter is set for a Compulsory Conference at QCAT on the 9th of May 2018, it is requested that this formal request be forwarded to the Superintendent, Forensic Services Group for consideration of urgent attention by Ballistics personnel.

  
**A T CAVANAGH**  
**SENIOR SERGEANT 6315**  
**INSPECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR**  
**WEAPONS LICENSING**

## Huth.AshleyM[OSC]

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**From:** Smith.AndrewC[OSC]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 July 2018 10:39  
**To:** Huth.AshleyM[OSC]  
**Cc:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Subject:** FW: Wedgetail ref 30037096

Thanks again Ashley for your valuable input. It is greatly appreciated at such short notice.

Regards

Andrew

Andrew Smith  
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Weapons Licensing  
Queensland Police Service  
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Mobile Sch4p4(6)

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**From:** Smith.AndrewC[OSC]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 July 2018 8:42 AM  
**To:** Sch4p4(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Wedgetail Sch4p4(6)

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Morning Sch4p4

I refer to your email of 17 July, 2018 regarding your Wedgetail firearm.

Inquiries have been conducted regarding your enquiry and I am advised that this firearm is still classified as a Category D firearm, as detailed below.

The 9 x 19mm calibre cartridge (also known as the 9mm, 9x19mm Luger, 9x19 Parabellum, 9mm x 19mm P08) was first used as a military cartridge by the Germany Navy in 1904. It is the current NATO pistol calibre cartridge. Submachine guns and assault rifles are also chambered in this cartridge.

The most famous submachines are the World War 2 era German MP40, Allied Sten Gun and M3 Grease gun. More modern examples of 9x19mm Luger submachine guns are the H&K MP5 and Israeli UZI.

AR-15 style self-loading centre-fire rifles are also manufactured in 9x19mm Luger calibre. Some examples are the AR9 by Wilson Combat, the UDP-9 by Angstadt Arms and the AR9 by Palmetto State Armoury (PSA) (<https://www.pewpewtactical.com/best-pistol-caliber-ar-15-carbines/>).

The Firearms Reference Table database (2017) lists 82 self-loading centre-fire rifles chambered in the 9x19mm Luger (It should be noted that this database is not exhaustive).

The chambering of a Wedge WT-15 firearm in 9x19mm Luger calibre does not make the firearm a Category H weapon under the provisions of *Weapons Categories Regulation 1997*. For reasons previously stated by Senior Sergeant Alan PIPER, Officer in Charge of the Queensland Police Service Ballistic Unit, in report dated 23 April 2018 the Wedgetail WT-15 firearm is a Category D Weapon under the provisions of the *Weapons Categories Regulation 1997*.



I hope this advice is of some assistance and clarifies your question.

Regards

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Mobile Sch4p4(6)

**From:** Sch4p4(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 July 2018 3:01 PM  
**To:** Weapons Licensing[ADMIN] <WeaponsLicensing@police.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Sch4p4(6)  
**Subject:** Wedgetail Sch4p4(6)

Hi, I got a letter for the hand in if my Wedgetail tail pistol. I rang weapons licensing on Friday & spoke to someone about it.

I explained mine is no longer 300 black out caliber. It's now 9mm.

I was told to write this letter, show a document from the armorer who did the conversion & some pictures. & I might not have to hand it in.

As you can see by the pictures it looks nothing like the original Wedgetail, not "tactical" looking or the ballistics of the 300bo cartridge.

has no gas system. Is direct blow back.

I have the pictures attached & armorer letter attached

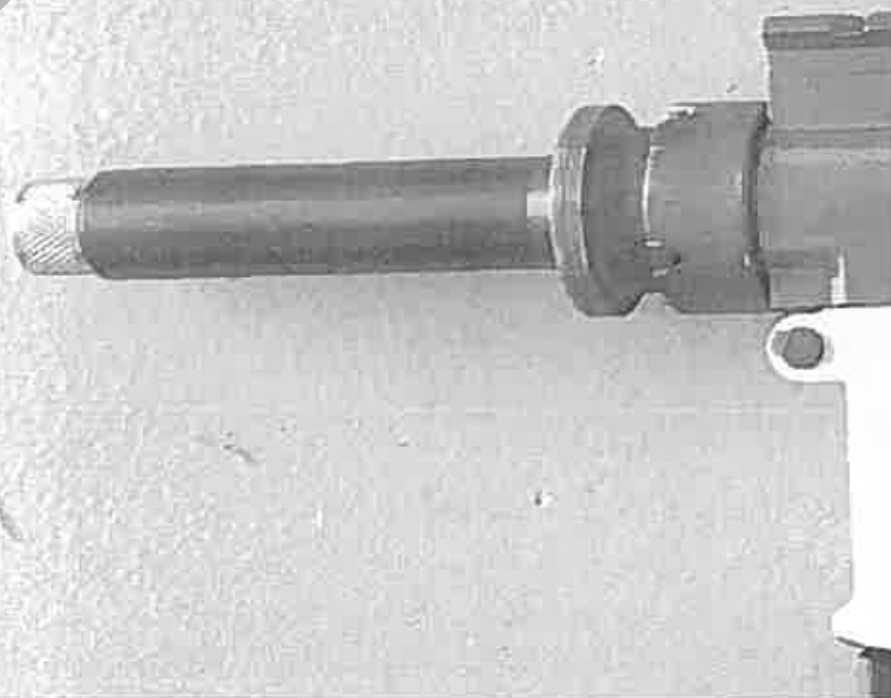
Thank you  
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**Smith.DanielA[OSC]**

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**From:** Saunders.CherylA[OSC]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 April 2016 10:36  
**To:** Smith.DanielA[OSC]  
**Subject:** FW: netgun

FYI - Form 359915

Regards,  
Cheryl Saunders | Sergeant  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Everist.ShaneR[OSC]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 December 2015 3:01 PM  
**To:** Saunders.CherylA[OSC] <Saunders.CherylA@police.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Bruce.IanS[OSC] <Bruce.IanS@police.qld.gov.au>; Clark.MichaelD[OSC] <Clark.MichaelD@police.qld.gov.au>;  
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**Subject:** RE: netgun

Cheryl,

The problem with opting for Cat B is that it isn't technically a rifle, it does not possess a rifled barrel. As I would be reluctant to term it as a muzzle loader, then I can't see how you can squeeze it into Cat B.

As with most things that are not a commercially designed firearm, it won't fit neatly into the definition of firearm or into the Categories.

In my view the argument for classing it a firearm are:

1. It partially resembles one due to a conventional looking stock
2. The action resembles a bolt action
3. It propels an object with expanding propellant based gases

The opposing arguments are:

1. It discharges a blank fire cartridge
2. The projectile is a net that has a specific purpose, non-lethal trapping. It can be argued that it doesn't fit with the intended definition in that it isn't really designed/intended to inflict injury or death.
3. The definition of firearm does indicate that conventional projectiles are what is intended to be captured by the definition, because it specifically lists items that can be aimed and discharge a projectile in a similar manner such as an explosive tool (ramset gun), which basically operates in the exact same manner (blank cartridge pushing a nail as opposed to a net).

So if I were forced to put it into a Category, I would be leaning towards Cat A because it utilises blank-fire ammunition, even though it does contradict the definition of blank-fire firearm because it propels something. Unfortunately it just doesn't fit neatly into the legislation.

Regards,

Shane.

-----Original Message-----

From: Saunders.Cheryla[OSC]  
Sent: Thursday, 3 December 2015 1:34 PM  
To: Everist.ShaneR[OSC] <Everist.ShaneR@police.qld.gov.au>  
Subject: FW: netgun

Hi Shane,

Thank you for your reply earlier. I just need to get this firearm registered in QLD and need to clarify the Category we will record it under. The owner is most likely going to make it permanently inoperable anyway and never on-sell it. So it probably moot point but it will have to be registered and then transferred to armourer to make it inoperable.

Can I just 'discuss' this one a bit more.

I agree about not muzzle loader (sorry, wasn't thinking too well there- just thinking you stuff the net down what left of the muzzle, forgetting its cartridge) But I am concerned to call it a Cat A blank fire. I thought a blank fire is not meant to fire anything at all. There is no definition of projectile in the act that I can find but dictionary describes 'an object' fired from a gun with an explosive propelling charge. So I lean towards the net being a projectile. Also this is a centrefire.

So would we go Cat B. ??

Regards,

Cheryl Saunders | Sergeant  
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From: Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
Sent: Thursday, 3 December 2015 10:52 AM  
To: Saunders.Cheryla[OSC] <Saunders.Cheryla@police.qld.gov.au>  
Subject: FW: netgun

Cheryl

Thoughts from Shane here at Ballistics. The other thing I would suggest is are there already net guns that are registered? If so, then what Category, if any are they. If they are not regarded as weapons, then I would think this would not be also.

Alan Piper, Senior Sgt, QPS Ballistics Unit II FSG II OSC  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Everist.ShaneR[OSC]  
Sent: Thursday, 3 December 2015 10:47 AM  
To: Piper.AlanG[OSC] <Piper.AlanG@police.qld.gov.au>  
Cc: Bruce.IanS[OSC] <Bruce.IanS@police.qld.gov.au>; Clark.MichaelD[OSC] <Clark.MichaelD@police.qld.gov.au>;  
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Subject: RE: netgun

I have a couple of thoughts.

1. It isn't really designed to discharge a traditional projectile - it propels a net. It might cause injury, but the very nature of it is that it is a non-lethal capture device.

2. Those large net guns are usually powered by a blank centre fire cartridge of some description, I don't think they can chamber a round that has a projectile fitted.
3. Can you say it is a muzzle loader if it doesn't actually have a muzzle, but rather four tubes for directing gas to the corners of the net?

My view is that if you consider it a firearm, which is completely dependent on whether you consider the net as a projectile, then I would suggest that maybe it is a blank-fire firearm at least 75 cm's in length (Cat A).

Shane.

-----Original Message-----

From: Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
Sent: Thursday, 3 December 2015 9:47 AM  
To: Everist.ShaneR[OSC] <Everist.ShaneR@police.qld.gov.au>  
Subject: FW: netgun

Shane  
What do you reckon?  
Cheers  
Alan

-----Original Message-----

From: Saunders.Cheryla[OSC]  
Sent: Thursday, 3 December 2015 8:56 AM  
To: Piper.AlanG[OSC] <Piper.AlanG@police.qld.gov.au>  
Subject: FW: netgun

Good morning,

I think Scott and Bob mentioned this to you when they visited last week. We only had 14 days to register this weapon - I was wondering if anyone has had a just to look at it.  
I think it may be Cat B muzzle-loading ?

Regards,  
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From: Saunders.Cheryla[OSC]  
Sent: Wednesday, 18 November 2015 11:02 AM  
To: Scientific Ballistic Unit <OSC-D-ScientificBallisticUnit@QPS>  
Subject: FW: netgun

Good morning,

This old net gun was just received from interstate by a qld dealer. He needs to complete registration documents.

Would someone have a moment to review the photograph and provide opinion (best guess) as to the Category this firearm should be registered as.  
Some further info is provided far below.

Regards,  
Cheryl Saunders | Sergeant

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From: Cavanagh.TomT[OSC]  
Sent: Wednesday, 18 November 2015 9:21 AM  
To: Saunders.Cheryla[OSC] <Saunders.Cheryla@police.qld.gov.au>  
Subject: RE: netgun

Approved.

-----Original Message-----

From: Saunders.Cheryla[OSC]  
Sent: Wednesday, 18 November 2015 8:19 AM  
To: Cavanagh.TomT[OSC] <Cavanagh.TomT@police.qld.gov.au>  
Subject: FW: netgun

Senior,

I would like to request assistance from Ballistics for opinion as Category of Weapon this would fall in.  
A Qld dealer has just acquired it (via NSW dealer from a deceased estate) and it needs to be registered in Qld.

For your consideration.

Regards,

Cheryl Saunders | Sergeant

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sch4p4(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2015 5:41 PM  
To: Saunders.Cheryla[OSC] <Saunders.Cheryla@police.qld.gov.au>  
Subject: Fw: netgun

Hi Cheryl

Thank you for your assistance with this enquiry.

I have attached a photo of the net gun discussed.

Overall length is 900mm.

It has no make or model markings.

It does have a serial number.

It is certainly a centrefire however I have yet to confirm what calibre.

Regards

Sch4p4

Chemical Capture Australia

**Smith.DanielA[OSC]**

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**From:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 June 2018 10:01  
**To:** Campbell.ScottA[OSC]  
**Cc:** Smith.AndrewC[OSC]  
**Subject:** FW: Cat D decision  
**Attachments:** Pistol Buffer.jpg; Wedgetail WT-15 PISTOL FLIER print.pdf; wt pistol\_no mag.jpg

Scott/Andrew  
FYI re Wedgetail Industries.  
Cheers  
Alan

Alan Piper, Senior Sgt, QPS Ballistics Unit II FSG II OSC  
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**From:** Sch4p4(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 June 2018 3:44 PM  
**To:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Cc:** Smith.AndrewC[OSC]  
**Subject:** Re: Cat D decision

Hello Alan,

Thanks for the call today.

As discussed I feel that it is very important for you to have reviewed the firearm firsthand to ensure you are familiar with its design and operation.

As you have not yet been able to undertake this I have attached some images of the product.

The WT15 pistol is similar in format to a Ruger Charger ( you noted you are well aware that both firearms are simply rifles with the stock removed)

The WT15 pistol simply replaces the standard receiver extension used on the SBR/Carbine with a pistol type receiver extension. (picture attached)

This is the only change to the design of the rifle.

The pistol variant of the WT15-01 complies with QLD legislation as written and is considered cat H.

It has no stock, nor can it have one fitted.

It is less than 650cm in overall length.

It does use a rifle calibre, as does the Ruger Charger.

However as you pointed out the use of a common rifle calibre (223 and 300AAC) in a pistol format may not be within the "spirit of the law" and we tend to agree.

Sch4p3(2)

We would naturally prefer for these to be treated as compliant with the law as currently written.

We will not supply more items.

I feel that any move to ban them will create an opportunity for certain groups or aggrieved owners to commence legal proceedings.

The example of the Ruger Charger (or AAA SAP) will be used as a counterpoint and may indeed see the proposed reclassification/ban defeated.

Future products perhaps should be thoroughly reviewed by QLDpol prior to PTA being issued.

If staff are unaware of the elements of a design then clarification should be sought from the manufacturer.

We maintain that unless something is measurable it cannot be enforced.

The subjective nature of appearances leaves the classification very open to challenges and misinterpretation.

In order to allow this to happen is it possible to work together to improve communications between ourselves and QLDpol?

We would welcome the opportunity to disclose the products we wish to bring to market and have QLDpol made aware of the designs and the safeguards we implement to prevent conversion to different firearm categories.

We have a healthy working relationship with various Police units across Australia and do not wish to see Wedgetail Industries having an adversarial relationship with QLDpol.

In future legislation changes you may benefit from a review of the IPSC format "box rule" to define what an approved pistol is.

<http://www.ipsc.org/rules/divlistP.php>

A handgun in its ready condition (See Section 8.1), but unloaded and with an empty magazine inserted or empty cylinder closed, must fit wholly within the confines of a box which has internal dimensions of **225mm x 150mm x 45mm** (tolerance of **+1 mm, -0 mm**).

This would give you a clearly measurable definition as to what pistol is compliant and what is not.

Thanks,

Sch

On Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 12:42 PM, Piper.AlanG[OSC] <[Piper.AlanG@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Piper.AlanG@police.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

Sch

Thank you for your time today. Any information/images you could provide re the pistol variant would be greatly appreciated. Your assistance in regard to this issue is greatly appreciated. I have CC'ed the Inspector, Weapons Licensing Branch for his information.

Regards

Alan

Alan Piper, Senior Sgt, QPS Ballistics Unit II FSG II OSC

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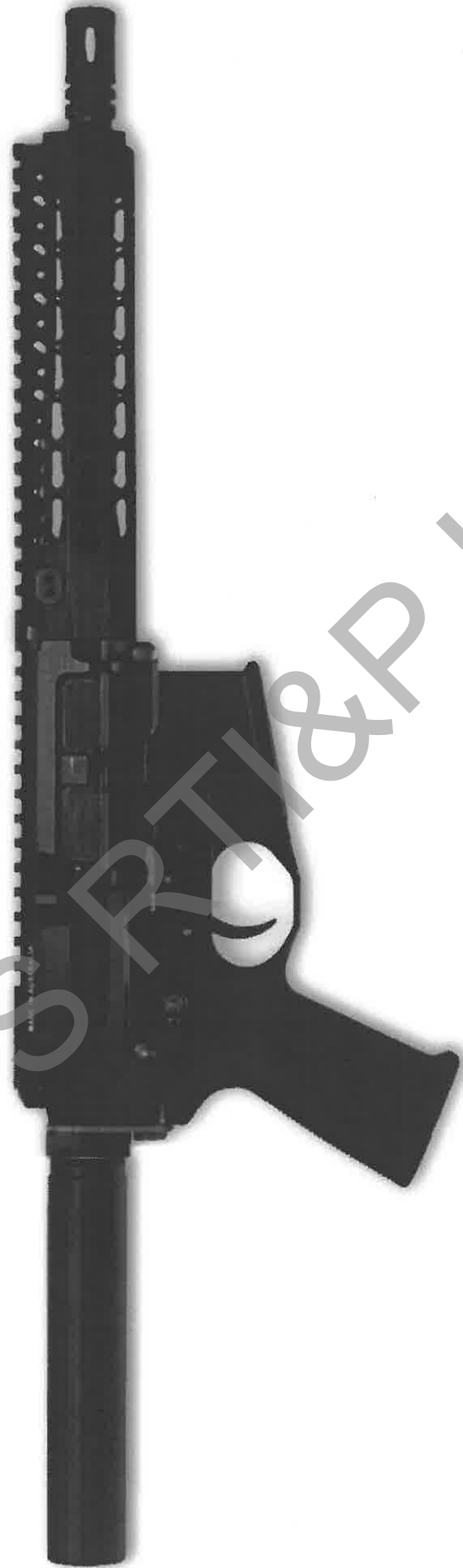
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## Smith.DanielA[OSC]

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**From:** Saunders.CherylA[OSC]  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 August 2016 09:54  
**To:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Cc:** Smith.DanielA[OSC]  
**Subject:** RE: Air bow now at City Station

Morning boss,

I dropped the airbow to your office yesterday so its there handy whenever someone has time to look at it. Do you have any idea of eta for examination / decision for this?

We have a lot of PTAs now pending and the list will keep growing no doubt, as there are many dealers advertising them already. The shipments are coming up thick and fast from Raytrade in Victoria. I have cc Daniel into this as his team will be processing the PTA / registration of the weapons once you have a decision for us.

Thanks Allan,  
Have a good weekend when it gets here.

Regards,  
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**From:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Sent:** Monday, 1 August 2016 10:26 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Air bow now at City Station

No worries, Cheryl. Shall organise.

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**From:** Saunders.CherylA[OSC]  
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**To:** Piper.AlanG[OSC] <[Piper.AlanG@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Piper.AlanG@police.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Air bow now at City Station

Good Morning Senior,

The air bow is at City Station – property office on Level 3. (properly lodged with Qprime – I just don't have numbers handy but the girls will know 'the airbow')

If one of your team are out and about and can collect it – the property officers know your team have permission to take it.

Or let me know what day you want it at your office and I'll arrange to transport it to you.

Thanks very much.

Regards,

**Cheryl Saunders | Sergeant**

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**From:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]

**Sent:** Thursday, 28 July 2016 9:19 AM

**To:** Saunders.Cheryla[OSC] <[Saunders.Cheryla@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Saunders.Cheryla@police.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: Air bow collection tomorrow. - Weapons Licensing for Ballistics / Scientific

Thanks Cheryl. Appreciate the running around.

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**Sent:** Thursday, 28 July 2016 8:19 AM

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**Subject:** Air bow collection tomorrow. - Weapons Licensing for Ballistics / Scientific

Good morning Jane (and all),

Regarding the air bow / rifle that I discussed with you last week, I am going to Clever firearms tomorrow (Friday 29<sup>th</sup>) to collect an airbow.

I should be back to the office at about 1-2pm. I was just checking & hoping someone in your office would be available to help me lodge it in the property.

It can then be held here for a short time until Scientific / Ballistics would like it transferred to their property point to allow them to examine & test it and (hopefully) classify it into a category of weapon. It can then be return straight back to Clever Firearms.

I can coordinate all the transports to and from if needed.

Thank you.

Regards,

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**From:** Saunders.Cheryla[OSC]  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 July 2016 07:40  
**To:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Cc:** Smith.DanielA[OSC]  
**Subject:** FW: Air bow

Will start to arrange it now.

Regards,

**Cheryl Saunders | Sergeant**

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**From:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
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**To:** Saunders.Cheryla[OSC] <[Saunders.Cheryla@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Saunders.Cheryla@police.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Air bow

Cheryl

If you could arrange one to be dropped off here that would be greatly appreciated.

Cheers

Alan

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**Cc:** Smith.DanielA[OSC] <[Smith.DanielA@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Smith.DanielA@police.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Air bow

Good afternoon Senior,

I just tried to call you – spoke to an officer who may mention this to you.

I was wondering if discussions have been held within your office already regarding airbows. What category of weapon they fall within ?

If no decision has been made – I need to request consideration asap.

I also wanted to know if it would help if we can get one [Sch4p3\(2\)](#) delivered to your office to look at.

An urgency has risen now as dealers have been importing these (and advertising them as Cat A). They were asked to hold off disposing of them but we have found that a recent PTA was issued for an air rifle .357 calibre and a customer was provided a - Make: Benjamin Model: Airbow Serial: 416J00373.

We need to consider action to be taken in this instance and future registrations.

For your consideration.

Thanks.

Regards,

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**From:** Piper.AlanG[OSC]  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 December 2017 12:05  
**To:** Smith.DanielA[OSC]  
**Subject:** RE: Wedgetail WT15 Pistol

Dan  
From all appearances and description I would be saying Cat H. Calibre does not really come into it as far as Cat H is concerned, and as it is less than 75cm it goes into Cat H.  
Cheers  
Alan

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 December 2017 11:53 AM  
**To:** 4004732@intra.police.qld.gov.au  
**Cc:** Lingwood.MarkS[OSC] <Lingwood.MarkS@police.qld.gov.au>; Campbell.ScottA[OSC] <Campbell.ScottA@police.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Wedgetail WT15 Pistol

Good morning Senior,

Thank you for your time on the phone.

As discussed there is a Victorian manufacturer who is making a line of Category D rifles known as Wedgetail WT-15. They are making these in three configurations 10.3" short-barrel rifle, 14.5" carbine and a 16" carbine. The website for these rifles is at <https://wedgetailindustries.com/products/wt15-range/>.

Not listed on the website is a custom made variant referred to by the manufacturer as a WT-15-01. This firearm was intended by the manufacturer to be birthed as a pistol, and we are advised has "no provision of the stock". That said it does have an exposed buffer tube as you will see.

The barrel length is 9.5" and the overall length is 630mm.

We are aware that this is possibly made in both .223 and .300 Blackout (AAC) – although I have only been seeing requests for the .300Blackout.

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For your consideration.

Kind regards  
Dan




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**Subject:** Wedgetail Pistol Images

Hello Scott,

Good to talk on the phone today.  
Please review the attached information on the pistol version of the Wedgetail WT15-01.  
Please contact me if you require additional information.

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**Cc:** Smith.DanielA[OSC]  
**Subject:** FW: Wedgetail WT15 Pistol  
**Attachments:** Wedgetail WT-15 PISTOL FLIER print 2017.pdf; wt pistol\_no mag.jpg

Bevan and I have discussed this, and think Cat H. Any other ideas from anyone else??

Cheers

Alan

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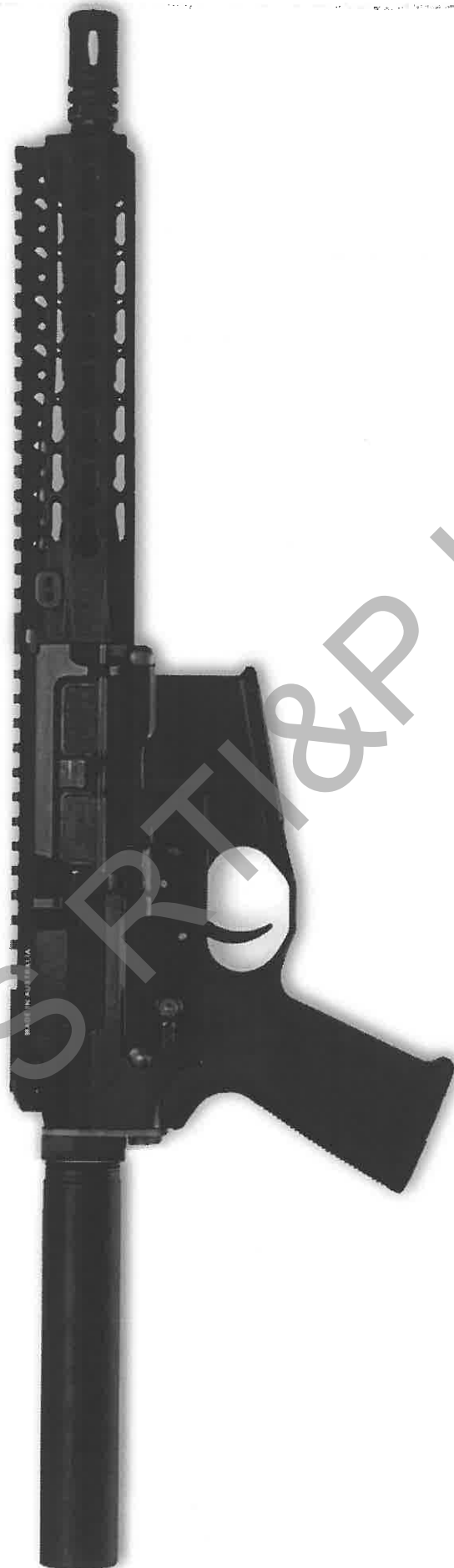
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### WT15 PISTOL



MODEL NUMBER: WT15-01



The Wedgetail Industries WT15 products are designed and made in Australia.



The WT15 has been designed to be completely ambidextrous using state-of-the-art components and manufacturing methods.



All Wedgetail Industries products carry a lifetime warranty on Australian made parts.  
Full range of spare parts and servicing available.  
No import permit required.

#### WT15-01 SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Caliber</b>	300AAC Blackout	<b>Charging Handle</b>	BCM ambidextrous
<b>Barrel</b>	9.5"	<b>Handguard</b>	BCM KMR Alpha hand guard
<b>Operating System</b>	Direct impingement	<b>Sight Radius</b>	385mm
<b>Upper Receiver</b>	7075 aluminium upper receiver	<b>Stock Tube</b>	Pistol type
<b>Lower Receiver</b>	7075 aluminium upper receiver	<b>Pistol Grip</b>	Magpul MOE+
<b>Bolt Carrier Group</b>	8620 steel carrier HPT/MPI	<b>Overall Length</b>	630mm
<b>Trigger</b>	Single stage 4.5lb	<b>Weight</b>	2.3kg
<b>Magazine</b>	10rd capacity STANAG type	<b>RRP</b>	\$5,850.00

For more information and pricing visit [wedgetailindustries.com](http://wedgetailindustries.com)