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Make your vote count!

a message from SSAA National President Dean Mighell

IN THE LEAD-UP TO THIS year's federal election, SSAA National approached all the major political parties for statements about their views on private firearms ownership, sports shooting and recreational hunting in Australia. We have compiled these statements, along with profiles on several candidates both for and against our sport, into this special *2013 Federal Election ASJ* to provide you with useful information to help you cast your vote.

While, on the whole, we're not going to tell you which party to vote for in the Lower House, we would strongly urge that whatever you do, remember to put The Greens last in the Senate. It is no secret that The Greens are openly anti-civilian firearm ownership and anti-hunting and have a lock-up-our-forests mentality.

The Greens have had a long history of calling for bans on self-loading firearms and especially handguns. In short, they are a danger to our recreation and our way of life. This is why when voting for the Senate, it is essential to correctly number every candidate below the line and ensure that The Greens are placed last.

To be honest, you need to be a scientist to understand the complex web of preference flows, but if you vote The Greens last, you can rest assured that they won't indirectly get your vote. You will control your preferences and not be subject to the backroom party deals of the political parties.

Educate yourself about the views of each political party and then stick to your guns on Saturday, September 7, to make your vote count.

For more information about the election, parties and preferences as it comes to hand, visit www.ssaa.org.au/election



Dean Mighell



Australian Labor Party statement

THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY IS committed to ensuring that Australia's laws strike a balance between the interests of those who have a genuine need to have access to and use firearms, and the interests of the broader community to be safe and secure. We support and encourage sporting activities throughout our community and recognise the importance of local shooting clubs for local communities and their contribution to the elite level of international competition on behalf of Australia.

The Labor Government also recognises the important contribution made by sporting shooters through the Commonwealth Firearms Advisory Council (CFAC) as it advises the Minister on detailed and technical legislative and regulatory improvements.

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This has recently culminated in the release of Regulations, which amend the law relating to the importation of firearms.

We look forward to this contribution continuing and will continue to engage closely with sporting shooters. We thank sporting shooters for their role in the development of government policy in this area.

www.alp.org.au



Liberal Party of Australia statement

THE COALITION RECOGNISES THAT THOUSANDS of Australians from metropolitan, regional and rural Australia enjoy and safely participate in recreational sports shooting. Sport shooting is an exacting activity requiring proficiency and accuracy. Over the years, talented and dedicated Australians have brought home Olympic gold in a range of shooting disciplines, while for many Australians, it is a hobby enjoyed during a well-deserved break. We acknowledge the valuable role played by the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia in advocating for its 150,000 members.

The Coalition recognises there is no single measure or reform package that can prevent firearm crime. We will, however, continue to work towards improving firearm safety while ensuring the interests of sporting shooters is maintained.

The Coalition has a history of investing heavily in sport at every level from encouraging participation to developing champions. Under the former Coalition Government, sport funding increased by 178 per cent in recognition of its role in Australian culture and its importance in encouraging healthy and active lifestyles.

The Coalition recognises that the use of firearms by sporting shooters is a legitimate activity. Whilst preserving the interests of sporting shooters, the Coalition remains committed to the control of firearms access and their criminal misuse. It is for this reason that the previous Coalition Government established the Firearms Advisory Council, which worked towards achieving consensus on firearms laws.

Firearm laws are largely based on resolutions agreed to by police ministers and compiled in the National Firearms Agreement. The Coalition supports this process and believes it has improved laws in Australia to benefit and protect the community.



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Between now and the election, the Coalition will be progressively providing further details of Our Plan to build a strong, prosperous economy and a safe and secure Australia. Once announced, the details of our policies will be available at www.liberal.org.au and www.nationals.org.au

www.liberal.org.au



The Nationals statement

RESPONSIBLE RECREATIONAL SHOOTING AND HUNTING are part of day-to-day life for many Australians, especially in regional areas. The Nationals recognise that shooting is a significant and legitimate industry and that laws and regulations which impact on the industry should be fair and applied in a way that is as unobtrusive as possible.

Consequently, it is important that governments have a full understanding of how laws, regulations and government processes affect importers, retailers and consumers, and consult with bodies representing these groups about the impact on them of current and proposed legislation and procedures.

The Nationals reaffirms its belief in the importance of shooting and hunting for farmers and as a recreational activity for people living in or spending time in regional Australia, and acknowledges the contribution the firearms industry makes to the economy.

The Nationals are committed to supporting processes and mechanisms which enable the federal government to consult with recreational shooters and hunters and the firearms industry on matters of interest to them and to ensure that regulation operates effectively and productively.

We also believe that laws, regulations and policies affecting recreational shooters and hunters and the firearms industry should be based on facts and not ideological dogma. Research and data should be robust and comprehensive.

Consequently, The Nationals support the continuation of a ministerial advisory committee to consider the impact and effectiveness of legislation and government policies.

Government initiatives designed to reduce red tape by increasing the level of uniformity between state and federal laws benefit from input from those affected by these decisions. The party is committed to reducing red tape by \$1 billion per year and supports the removal of unnecessary regulations, policies and procedures, which have a detrimental impact on shooters, hunters and the firearms industry.



We recognise the need to consult industry also about the application or interpretation of legislation and the implementation of policies which affect them.

Because The Nationals believes that shooting and hunting ought to be undertaken in a responsible way, we support education programs for shooters about safe firearms practice.

The Nationals also supports:

- Shooting as an appropriate and humane method of vermin and pest control, and believes that such control is not only important for the viability of farmers and the economy of farming communities, but also for the responsible maintenance of public land and protection of the environment; and
- The sustainable use of natural resources including the harvesting of native game species as part of a wider game management program, underpinned by sound science and consistent with the resolutions of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, the Ramsar Convention, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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We look forward to working cooperatively with shooters and the firearms industry should The Nationals be elected to government on election day.

www.nationals.org.au



Katter's Australian Party statement

PERSONAL FREEDOMS ARE ONE OF the key tenants of the Katter's Australian Party (KAP) philosophy, and as such, support for the hunting and shooting sports runs to the very heart of Katter's Australian Party. Our support for the Aussie shooter has been enshrined in the party's core values from the very inception of the party:

Core Value #10: Australians must have the freedom to pursue outdoor recreational activities of their choice including hunting, shooting, fishing, boating, camping, 4-wheel driving, horse riding, rock climbing and bushwalking without unnecessary limitations and restrictions.

Core Value #11: Vacant land such as State Forests and some unallocated lands and seas now designated as 'off-limits' are to be owned and accessible by the people. They are not the exclusive domain of the 'Crown'.

Support is one thing, but real change is needed to put an end to unfair and illogical firearm legislation, open up to shooters vast tracts of the country which are currently being devastated by introduced feral pests, and refocus police resources to the real problem of the illicit firearms trade. To facilitate these changes, the KAP has developed three key initiatives:

1. The Australian Fish and Wildlife Authority
Establish a statutory authority known as the Australian Fish and Wildlife Authority. The charter of the Authority will be to promote and facilitate safe and sustainable fish and wildlife activities throughout the country. The Authority will:

- Establish a system of using licensed and accredited shooters to provide humane feral pest culling and control on government lands where it is safe and appropriate to do so. The overriding objective of the program will be to avoid the use of poisoning programs wherever possible and ensure government lands are not used to provide uncontrolled breeding areas for disease-carrying feral pests. Active protection of native flora and fauna will be central to the program's ethos.
- Re-establish and manage a licensed duck and quail hunting season in all states where applicable.
- Support private organisations with objectives consistent with the Authority's charter.
- Avoid government-funded culling or eradication programs if volunteer networks can be more cost-effectively deployed.
- Support a wild venison industry.
- Support export of wild game products.
- Promote fish and wildlife tourism.
- Establish and promote 'net free' or 'recreational only' fishing areas around all large cities and towns on the coast, and smaller communities if desired.
- Develop freshwater fisheries to a higher standard in order to grow regional tourism.



- Remove existing green zones where there is no evidence-based justification for their existence.
- Implement and promote a 'one line one hook' fishing policy in remaining green zones and marine parks where there is no threat to biodiversity.

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2. Amendments to the National Firearms Agreement (NFA)
A KAP Government will sponsor amendments to the 17-year-old National Firearms Agreement aimed at refocusing licensing efforts in line with modern community expectations, and take advantage of improvements in government information exchange technologies that have come about since its original inception. These amendments have been sought by the firearm community's peak user and industry groups for the past five years from governments in all states.

Katter's Australian Party statement (continued)

The KAP will commit to table the requested amendments at the APMC and lobby for national agreement and adoption. The KAP believes the requested amendments will be received favourably by the states, as they represent moderate changes with significant community safety benefits.

The highlights of the amendments are:

- No changes to restrictions on firearms central to community concerns at the time of drafting the original NFA.
- National efficiency savings for police administration, freeing between 100,000 and 200,000 policing hours nationally - allowing police to focus on areas of current community concern.
- A real-time firearm licence verification system, allowing licensed firearm owners, who are already in possession of firearms, to purchase subsequent firearms without delay whilst providing real-time interception of 'people of concern'.

- Re-categorisation of Category C firearms (largely restricted to farmers) to allow access by sporting shooters. These include low-capacity semi-auto .22s, low-capacity pump shotguns, and low-capacity semi-auto shotguns.
- Scrapping of registration requirements for low-powered air rifles and BB guns.

3. Reallocation of police resources

Shift police resources away from administering licensed firearm owners and instead focus those resources on improved detection and intervention capabilities targeting illicit firearms distribution and drug trafficking.

A special taskforce will be established within the Federal Police Service to ensure all efficiencies gained by the police are retained and reallocated within the department in line with a more proactive policy of detection and intervention of illicit firearm activities, drug-related violence, and organised crime.

www.ausparty.org.au



Family First statement

FAMILY FIRST BELIEVES AUSTRALIA'S RICH and extensive state parks, marine areas and forests should be open for families to enjoy.

Ensuring the community has access to our natural treasures will give Australians a greater appreciation and respect for nature and their environment.

Family First supports the use of public lands for:

- Recreational fishing, shooting and hunting
- Open access for community enjoyment.

www.familyfirst.org.au





Shooters and Fishers Party statement

THE SHOOTERS AND FISHERS PARTY (SFP) has a long track record of over 22 years representing shooters, hunters, fishers, four-wheel drivers and all those interested in the outdoor sports and our unique cultural heritage, including our connection with the land and the prosperity of rural and regional peoples. The SFP has consistently and successfully represented its constituents in New South Wales and has grown in strength, holding the balance of power in the state Upper House for this current term ending March 2015. We recently successfully contested for the first time the Upper House in Western Australia, winning one seat and only missing out on a second by some 230-odd votes. The SFP has also contested the last three Federal Elections and we will be contesting the election this September.

The SFP will be contesting all states of the Commonwealth, and the Northern Territory, offering Senate tickets in each. A selection of our key Federal Policies include:

1. The scrapping of the National Firearms Agreement, seeking its replacement with a review of workable laws that treat shooters and hunters decently, whilst keeping our communities safe and secure.
2. The abandonment of the National Firearms Registry Project, which is the precursor of a Commonwealth firearms law takeover.
3. Ensure that Australian border controls are strengthened, whilst removing the import restrictions on all legally owned and held firearms.
4. Support the removal of Commonwealth involvement in all areas of government, where they duplicate state government services. For example, removing duplication in education, health, environment protection, water policy and biodiversity, amongst many others.
5. Ensure access for all to all Commonwealth Crown land and sea resources, including self-determination for all Indigenous owners and custodians in their own absolute discretion, of the use and development of their resources.

6. Scrap the Carbon Tax and repeal the Super Profits Resource Tax, and instead encourage state governments to distribute state mining royalties directly to the regions.

7. We support the principle of 'sustainable use' as reaffirmed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) at the World Conservation Congress in Korea in 2012 and we will ensure that the government reviews all existing treaty obligations.

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8. We believe Australia must maintain sovereign energy self-sufficiency.

9. The SFP supports the continued expansion of mining industries in appropriate locations.

10. We commit to rebuilding a viable, sustainable Australian timber industry.

11. We support the expansion of the live export trade.

12. We will table a bill outlawing animal liberation-based hate campaigning and terrorism.

13. The SFP will oblige the government to invest in our defence capability to ensure Australia can participate fully in our military alliances and ensure the defence of Australia by increased defence spending.

A vote in the Senate for the SFP will guarantee the future of your hunting, shooting and fishing sports.

www.shootersandfishers.org.au



Australian Fishing & Lifestyle Party statement

WHEREAS WE ARE COGNISANT OF the fact that Australians, unlike Americans, do not have an unfettered 'Constitutional Right to Bear Arms', we are insistent that Aussies do have the 'right' to demand citizens' access to appropriate firearms, subject to registration, but not subject to unnecessary government 'intervention'

The Australian Fishing & Lifestyle Party believes, fervently, that all Australians...should be able to own and use the firearms of their choice - for 'recreational' purposes - and for professional and 'lifestyle' requirements...

and restriction. We agree the current firearms legislation should be nationalised and rationalised to save confusion between states. Some of the regulations need to be sensibly adjusted for the ease of legitimate users and harder for illegal users that tarnish the sport of hunting and shooting.

Moreover, the Australian Fishing & Lifestyle Party believes, fervently, that all Australians (excepting those with criminal convictions) should be able to own and use the firearms of their choice - for 'recreational' purposes - and for professional and 'lifestyle' requirements, as applies not just to farmers, but also to acreage landholders in rural districts. For example, in our region in the district known as the Daintree, literally hundreds of families live on rain-forested rural properties, where feral pigs in particular are in plague proportions.

Our Senate candidates, including Cairns charter boat operator Daniel McCarthy (himself a recreational shooter and pig hunter and member of the SSAA and the local pistol club), will be campaigning against prohibitive nanny-state gun laws and so-called 'gun buy-backs', one of which has just concluded in our state.

In simple summary, the Australian Fishing & Lifestyle Party fully supports the activities, aims and ambitions of the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia - our party is indeed an advocate of 'shooters' rights' - and we might note in conclusion that it is only North Queensland's recreational hunters who are endeavouring to 'shoot-out' the feral pigs, which do inordinate damage to crops, native wildlife and the environment.

Please regard the Australian Fishing & Lifestyle Party as totally supportive of responsible sporting shooters.

www.aflp.org.au

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Country Alliance statement

1. HUNTING AND GAME MANAGEMENT

1.1. Game Management

The creation of a statutory authority in all states to manage and oversee the management of hunting of both pest animal species and game.

1.2. Game Reserves

Where game reserves have been created in a state, the correct identification of those reserves and the placement of adequate signage to identify the history, conservation values and purpose of those reserves.

1.3. Access to Game Reserves

The establishment of clear access to Game Reserves when access is via private property, whether by right or some other means.

1.4. Consumption or Usage Pest Animals

The amendment of current legislation to permit the consumption or use of any animal or waterfowl, whether native or introduced, that is legally taken under a pest mitigation program.

The exclusion of ducks from current provisions in existing legislation is a contradiction and should be removed.

1.5. Trial Game Licences**

The creation of a limited licence category that would allow adult Australian residents to undertake a defined number of hunting activities before obtaining a full licence.

Under this initiative prospective hunters will be able to establish whether or not they are suited to hunting and wish to proceed with obtaining a full licence.

Any hunting activity would be required to be under the direct supervision of an appropriately licensed hunter who would assume full responsibility for the actions of the individual under his/her supervision.

1.6. Junior Game Licences**

Similar to the Trial Licences and applicable to junior hunters aged 12 years or more but less than 18 years.

1.7. Visitor Game Licences**

Similar to Trial Licences and applicable to international visitors who hold an appropriate firearms licence in their country of origin.

1.8. The Use of Lead Shot in Sub-Gauges**

The amendment of state legislation to permit the use of lead shot, by juniors and those persons who can with an appropriate physical disability, when hunting waterfowl with 28 gauge, 16 gauge and .410 shotguns.

1.9. Tougher Penalties for Protesters**

Tougher penalties for protesters who place their own and hunters' lives at risk by contravening applicable state legislation.

The last four policies marked ** appear to have been partly addressed in Victoria by recent changes to Victorian hunting regulations. Country Alliance will, however, continue to push for these policies elsewhere as the occasion permits and to defend them against any attempt to wind back the Victorian legislation.

2. Firearms Ownership

2.1. Firearms Calibres

The continued importation and availability of those calibres that are widely and legitimately used internationally in both hunting and target shooting activities regardless of their use by the military or police in Australia or elsewhere.

3. Facilities

3.1. The Victorian Multi-Discipline Shooting Range.

To bring an end to the prolonged delay in this key project by pushing for the purchase of land identified as suitable and the production of final plans.

Country Alliance would also promote the establishment of similar facilities in other states when required.

Background

Since its beginning, Country Alliance has put forward many practical policies aimed at improving the lives of those who live, earn their living or take their recreation in Australia's regional communities.

A number of our policies are now being promoted by major parties. The recent proposal by the Baillieu Government to link the Victorian Fire Services levy to rates rather than insurance is a classic example. Country Alliance first proposed this policy in May 2006 - it has taken a while to catch up. Country Alliance was also the first party to consistently put the Greens last: something the others are beginning to do.

Since our beginning we have enjoyed wonderful support from firearms owners and many of our candidates have had some form of connection with shooting.

Despite this history (and the regular branding of CA as a shooters party) we have not previously published comprehensive policies on firearms ownership or hunting. Now is the time to do this.

Our policies are supported by international experience and evidence. They express the widespread acceptance by the world's governments and major conservation organisations of the social, cultural, economic and environmental importance that hunting provides.

"Hunting is an activity that provides significant social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits in different regions of the European Union." (European Commission)

"The overwhelming majority of the 1,100 IUCN Members have accepted that sustainable hunting has important benefits that substantially aid in the efforts to conserve biodiversity around the world." (IUCN Barcelona/Budapest, 22 October 2008)

These are particularly important lessons for Australia where other political parties fail to recognise the benefits hunting can bring. It is logical that we should apply the same principles in Australia and be supported by good policy.

www.countryalliance.org



Australian Democrats statement

THE AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS SUPPORTS A responsible approach to firearm regulation, which emphasises community safety, but which does not unduly infringe upon the rights of licensed firearms owners.

The Democrats supports shooting as a sporting activity, provided they are well policed and managed by their governing bodies.

The Democrats supports the ownership of firearms for the purposes of employment, where ownership can be proven to be required for said employment such as in the agricultural sector.

The Australian Democrats advocates a general reduction in the number of firearms within Australia, but with a particular emphasis on firearms in the hands of unlicensed owners.

We support a comprehensive approach to firearms regulation to reduce the number of crimes involving firearms in Australia. We acknowledge that the majority of crimes involving firearms are committed by individuals who are not licensed gun owners. The Australian Democrats advocates a general reduction in the number of firearms within Australia, but with a particular emphasis on firearms in the hands of unlicensed owners.

We believe the laws introduced in 1996 have been effective in improving public safety and responsible firearms ownership. However, the research tends to send mixed signals as to whether the gun buy-back scheme has achieved its fundamental objective: to limit the number of firearms in circulation. Accordingly, the Democrats supports further initiatives to reduce the potential misuse of guns in the commission of crimes or other events, particularly in relation to young people. Such initiatives could include:

- Returning firearms reform to the Agenda of the Standing Committee for Attorneys-General and Australasian Police Ministers Council, which would enable work on a scoping audit to ensure each state is complying with the spirit of the 1996 Firearms Agreement
 - The examination of new technologies to enhance firearms safety
 - Revising Customs and import laws in relation to firearms
 - Comprehensive policing of firearm storage requirements
 - Broadening the current ban on automatic and semi-automatic firearms, and
 - Implementation of a National Firearms Management System, including a national ballistics intelligence database
- The Australian Democrats would work and discuss with stakeholders to determine the best approach to sensible firearms laws.

www.australiandemocrats.org.au

Greens' silence speaks volumes

SILENCE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GREENS when presented with the opportunity to address the SSAA's 150,000-plus members speaks volumes for the party's lack of support for our way of life. The Greens' anti-civilian firearms ownership and anti-hunting views are no secret, as is the party's evident lack of understanding of what target shooting and recreational hunting is really all about.

When putting this Federal Election publication together, SSAA National approached The Greens' national office with an offer of equal coverage to appear with a range of Australia's major political parties. With no response and the passing of deadlines, the SSAA can only assume that The Greens have no interest in addressing a major cross-section of Australia's voters.

In 2010, just prior to the previous Federal Election, then Greens Leader Bob Brown stated he would "not be coerced by the gun lobby", refusing to concede that firearm owners' votes would be useful in increasing his party's vote. Brown's ignorance of the real issue of firearms in Australia has been shown many times as he isn't shy about addressing the media about it.



Over the years, Brown has suggested that firearm owners carry 'hand-machine-guns' and keep firearms in their car glove box. He had also claimed on many occasions that Australia has very lax gun laws.

Since Brown's retirement in 2012, the anti-firearm movement has continued.

The Greens have long been an advocate of banning hunting in New South Wales national parks and state forests, and have given their time to the Coalition for Gun Control. Just recently, The Greens called for a 1996-esque national handgun buy-back.

The Greens have long been an advocate of banning hunting in New South Wales national parks and state forests, and have given their time to the Coalition for Gun Control.

In December 2012, The Greens stated that "gun control is unfinished business in Australia". If the current political landscape continues, where The Greens have had the power to influence the Labor Government, this may well be the case.

It is this disinterest and outright objection to legal, legitimate firearms ownership and recreational hunting that should encourage all SSAA members to educate themselves about their local candidates and party preferences to ensure their vote does not accidentally support The Greens in 2013.

www.greens.org.au



Dick Adams

**Labor Federal Member
for Lyons, Tas**

LONG-TIME SSAA SUPPORTER AND FEDERAL Member for Lyons in Tasmania Dick Adams will be running in the upcoming Federal Election, seeking to retain his seat, which he has held since 1993.

Dick Adams grew up on a dairy farm and like many thousands of boys in those days, he grew up using a gun for hunting and for general use around the farm. His story is much like many country people.

“I must have been about 14 when I was taught how to use a gun. We were taught gun safety from an early age as guns were part of our culture; hunting rabbits, wallaby and then deer was part of normal life. Safety was stressed continuously by my grandfather and my father and such principles as unloading the gun when you were finished with it in the field and breaking a shotgun when walking became second nature because of the way you were taught.

“I remember being visited at Cressy High School on several occasions by police officers who gave us advice on gun safety also. I can remember them stressing never stand a gun up against a post when getting through a fence, guns should be laid on the ground before climbing through or over the fence to stop accidents, and most of my friends at the time had similar instruction.

“Like everything, learning the right way to handle a gun early is always the most successful and proper way of handling gun safety with young people. I think they should be supervised in all the learning stages to ensure that safety and respect of firearms is totally understood. Like a motor vehicle, guns are not toys and should be treated with utmost respect or they can kill accidentally.”

Dick said that like many others in the country, his family have supported the responsible use of firearms even for youngsters and he is concerned when country people get the blame for the illegal use of guns.



Ian Goodenough

**Liberal Federal Candidate
for Moore, WA**

IAN GOODENOUGH IS A PAID-UP Life Member of the SSAA and a nationally accredited clay target shooting coach with the Australian Sports Commission. A life-long shooter, he is an active participant in a range of shooting disciplines including rifle, pistol, shotgun and field events. Having travelled extensively throughout Western Australia and its remote regions including the Kimberley, Pilbara and Wheatbelt, Ian strongly supports outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, shooting and four-wheel driving remaining accessible to the general public in a responsible and managed way.

Ian has served as a local government Councillor for the past 14 years in the City of Wanneroo and has supported the Wanneroo Shooting Complex, which is home to nine different SSAA-affiliated clubs. Ian is keen to promote a positive image of shooting sports and be an active advocate for responsible firearms ownership at a federal level.



Murray Bow

**Shooters & Fishers Party
Senate Candidate for WA**

MURRAY BOW, A MAN WITH a wealth of experience, leads the Western Australian Shooters & Fishers into the 2013 Federal Election. As a Senate Candidate, his broad range of experience includes public service, private sector and self-employment, while his wide-ranging background gives him the perfect preparation to represent the interests of Western Australians in the Federal Parliament.

A competitive ISSF pistol shooter, Murray has held committee positions at both club and state level and he is a member of the Whiteman Park International Pistol Club and the SSAA.

Murray has travelled and networked extensively in Western Australia with his work and volunteer commitments, and he owns a small farming property east of Perth, where he hunts to control feral animals.

Western Australians need persuasive input into federal policy and legislation to protect the interests of sporting shooters, recreational fishers and other participants in outdoor activities. Murray's considered and influential capacity will bring results for Western Australians at a federal level.

John Parkes

**Shooters & Fishers Party
Senate Candidate for WA**

JOHN PARKES CAMPAIGNED FOR THE Shooters & Fishers in the 2013 Western Australia State Election, nearly winning a second Upper House seat for the party. These same qualities have earned him a place as a WA Candidate for the Federal Senate.

John has proven ability, passion and knowledge developed during 34 years of successful business ownership, where his motivation and ambition culminated in his early self-funded retirement - something that has allowed him to focus on legislative issues that affect Australians with a love of the outdoors.

"The people involved in shooting, fishing and outdoor activities feel disenfranchised by ever-increasing interference with and tightening of the laws already covering these pastimes," said John. "The battle must be taken to the Federal Senate to stem the tide of poorly thought out legislation."

Retirement has also allowed John to spend time travelling, enhance his property and hone his boating and fishing skills, as well as enjoy regular hunting and shooting trips.



Karl Houseman

**Shooters & Fishers Party
Senate Candidate for NSW**

KARL HOUSEMAN WAS PROFOUNDLY INFLUENCED by a childhood spent in the outdoors in the bushy fringes of Sydney, but his experience goes well beyond that. He has been involved in the arts, performed centre stage and worked for two decades as an IT specialist and manager, now heading up IT for a company that turns over \$500 million a year.

His well-rounded experience and performance under pressure perfectly qualify him to stand for the Shooters & Fishers Party, as does his fishing and shooting background. Karl is a regular salt- and freshwater fisherman, sharing the time with his children. The rifle and pistol shooter is part owner of the highly successful Australian Hunting Net (AHN) forum and president of the AHN hunting club. Karl brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to the Shooters & Fishers Party.



Ashley Fenn

**Family First Senate Candidate
for Victoria**

FAMILY FIRST RECOGNISES THAT THE overwhelming majority of gun owners are law-abiding citizens and that the introduction of any further restrictions or regulations would do little to address any issues in relation to the misuse of firearms.

We believe that any extra government resources should be directed to the detection and intervention capabilities for illicit firearms distribution and drug trafficking.

Family First Victoria has also supplied an extensive review on firearms regulations amendments aimed at cutting red tape and keeping firearms in the right hands. This document can be viewed at www.ssaa.org.au/election

**Please go to www.ssaa.org.au/election
for a full list of pro-recreational shooting
and hunting candidates.**

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