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Geoff Jones
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Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 21 April 2016, and for taking the time to contact me about Cricket Australia's support of charity partner the Alannah & Madeline Foundation.

I acknowledge your concerns over Cricket Australia's support of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation's petition *Keep Australia Safe from Gun Violence*.

Cricket Australia provides support for each of our charity and community partners in a number of different ways. And as you have referenced, the 20th anniversary of the Port Arthur tragedy is a particularly significant time for the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, a time when our role as a partner is especially called upon.

It is important to note that the petition, and Cricket Australia's support of it, is not a condemnation of legal gun ownership nor a denunciation of your members and licenced firearm owners.

As you state, the petition does not request stricter regulation but for all states to recommit to the *National Fire Arms Agreement 1996*, maintaining the laws that have been in place for the past 20 years. This is a position we support alongside the Alannah & Madeline Foundation.

I appreciate that your sport, and the members you represent, face unique levels of regulation. It is disappointing to hear that this challenge often negatively impacts participation in your sport. The intention of our support of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation certainly is not to cause any further hindrance to sporting shooters.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me, and if I can be of any further assistance please contact Cricket Australia on (03) 9653 9999.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID PEEVER
CHAIRMAN