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Dear Mr Bannister *Tim*,

Thank you for the information you have provided on the Gun Safe Voucher Program 2009, as part of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia's *Secure your gun – Secure your sport* campaign.

It is encouraging that your organisation is taking a proactive approach to firearms security and working with the firearms industry to make this opportunity available to your members.

Firearms theft is a serious avenue for diversion of firearms to the illegal market and it is important that the shooting community continues to work with government to reduce the incidence of theft.

Initiatives that promote safe and responsible firearms ownership should be applauded. The Gun Safe Voucher Program continues the strong history of the SSAA in educating its membership about responsible firearms practices.

Yours sincerely

**Brendan O'Connor**