

## Firearms Community Advisory Forum

FCAF is a forum set up to:

- provide a formal mechanism for representatives from the firearms community to input to the Police on policy relating to the Arms Act 1983 or the Arms Regulations 1992; and
- review and make recommendations for consideration by Police on firearms-related matters.

Membership of the Forum comprises both Police employees and non-Police employees. The non-Police members were invited to participate and selected for their:

- broad skills, knowledge and understanding of firearms and issues/legislation relating to firearms
- relevant practical experience and networks within the firearms community
- ability to represent a diversity of perspectives within the firearms community
- personal attributes and ability to work **constructively** with, and make a contribution to the Forum
- being a representative of an incorporated group (who can represent the views of the group rather than their individual view).

### Meeting Ground Rules

All meetings are held under the Chatham House Rule.

The overall objective of FCAF meetings is to achieve a free and frank flow of conversation.

To that end the Chatham House Rule applies. That is:

*“participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.”*

Minutes will be published in accordance with the Chatham House Rule.

### Declaring when participation prevents the application of the Chatham House

If a person or persons are involved in legal action against Police and a topic comes up that is relevant to that legal action, the person will need to excuse themselves from the room.

The above must apply in order to achieve the overall objective of free and frank conversation.

### Confidentiality

Occasionally matters may be raised with the Forum members that are required to be kept confidential to the participants. Should this occur participants will sign a confidentiality agreement specific to that matter.