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Dear Phil,

FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING FOR ANIMAL WELFARE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your letter D/2012/138734 dated 13 September 2012, which invited the NSW Wildlife Council (NWC) to submit a proposal to cover firearms safety training for animal welfare volunteers. I hereby enclose a proposed NWC Firearms Safety Training Brief.


Key aspects of the Brief are:

- to highlight the accountability of the firearm's handler;
- to provide a basis for a wildlife group management committee to assess a new applicant's capability;
- to provide a basis for firearms safety training as part of the Firearms Registry 'letter of support' application process;
- to permit a wildlife group Firearm's Coordinator of five years experience (or Firearm's Instructor) to undertake the training; and
- to provide a basis for ongoing refresher training (it is proposed that refresher training take place every two years, which is the current practice).

May I thank both Tina Walker and you for your help in progressing this matter. Tina has been particularly helpful in identifying the essential requirements for the firearms safety training.

I look forward to your comments.

Yours sincerely



Philip Machin
On behalf of the
NSW Wildlife Council

Enclosure:

1. NWC Firearms Safety Training Brief