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Notice to Nranz Clubs and Members

NZ Police - Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa have recently released their proposed regulations for Shooting Clubs and Ranges.

It is a comprehensive document that sets out to micromanage our clubs and our ranges. The document runs to 137 pages, but the second half is their response / submission document. At this time the recommendation is that you don't submit using their document as it is designed to get the answers that they want.

The Nranz Council believes that there is little justification for most of these proposed regulations in the name of firearms safety and the safe operation of ranges.

There are proposed regulations for Range Certification and Range Operation. Then there a separate set of proposed regulations for shooting clubs. The **Legislation** was passed back in 2019 to bring this in. NZ Police - Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa have now finally released the proposed **Regulations** which make the Legislation work, from their point of view. The implementation date for these proposed regulations is the 23 June 2022.

It is our plan to have a guideline document out to you all in about a week with our suggestions on how to go about doing a submission and a guide on responses. We have to thoroughly read and digest it first, and we are all volunteers just like you. There is work going on with the other shooting sports organisations to get some co-ordination in our responses.

We will not be producing a fixed return for you to add your name to as these are treated as one submission, so basically a waste of effort. You will need to put it into your own words, but we will try to help.

If you don't want to be regulated and priced into extinction it is important that all clubs submit, and all members submit too. I know it is a drag but that is nothing compared to what you will have to do if these proposed regulations come into force in their current format.

When the select committee hearings were on way back in 2019 in response to the massacre, only one of our clubs put in a submission, although many members put in an individual one. We cannot afford for that to happen this time around. These proposed regulations will directly affect how you operate.

We believe that it will force ranges to close because of bureaucratic overload, and their proposed cost structure. First time cost looks to be in the region of a \$1000 for a club with a range.

The closing date for submissions is the 4 May 2022, which is typical of the current consultation approach, keep it short to limit the time people have to get organised.

Malcolm Dodson
Nranz President