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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I wish to acknowledge receipt of Parliament of Queensland E-Petition 2717-17 sponsored by the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Member for the Southern Downs, about Category D firearms available for Sporting Shooters.

As you may be aware, the updated 2017 National Firearms Agreement (NFA) has recently been made public and does not allow Category D semi-automatic firearms for sporting purposes. The firearms policy set out in the NFA is designed to achieve the best balance between the needs of people, such as sporting shooters and primary producers who require genuine access to firearms and the interests of the broader community.

The Palaszczuk Government remains committed to the NFA framework. With this in mind, the government will not be supporting the petition to allow Category D weapons to be available to sporting shooters, to be owned, stored and operated by approved individuals to compete in club organised competitions.

I trust this information is of assistance and thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Ryan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP  
**Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and  
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