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No. 1 **Power of SafeWork NSW to issue permits for prohibited weapons**  
Page 4, Schedule 1. Insert after line 5—

**[11A] Section 153A**

Insert after section 153—

**153A Powers of regulator—permits to possess or use prohibited weapons**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the regulator has the functions of the Commissioner of Police under Part 2 of the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998* to issue permits for the possession or use of prohibited weapons of a kind described in clause 4(3) of Schedule 1 to that Act, namely, silencers or any other device designed for attachment to a firearm for the purpose of muffling, reducing or stopping the noise created by firing the firearm (a *silencer*).
- (2) The regulator may only issue a permit under this section—
  - (a) if satisfied that the genuine reason for possessing or using the silencer is to secure the health and safety of workers, and
  - (b) to a person aged 18 years or older.
- (3) A firearm to which an authorised silencer is attached is no longer a prohibited firearm for the purposes of the *Firearms Act 1996*.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), an *authorised silencer* is a silencer that is possessed or used under the authority of, and in accordance with, a permit issued under this section.