

#### Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Firearms Act 1996* as follows:

(a) to prevent the sale of ammunition by a licensed firearms dealer to a shooter unless the purchaser is the registered owner of, or has a permit to acquire, a firearm that takes the ammunition (in addition to the existing requirement that the purchaser must hold a licence or permit for a firearm that takes the ammunition),

(b) to require licensed firearms dealers to keep records of purchases and sales of ammunition.

#### Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

#### **Schedule 1 Amendment of Firearms Act 1996 No 46**

##### **Restrictions on sales of ammunition**

**Schedule 1 [3]** imposes additional requirements on a sale of ammunition by a licensed firearms dealer to a purchaser who holds a licence or permit for a firearm that takes the ammunition. The purchaser will now also be required to be the registered owner of, or hold a permit to acquire, a firearm that takes the ammunition. The firearms dealer will be required to sight the purchaser's notice of registration or permit to acquire at the time ammunition is purchased. There are exceptions for sales of ammunition between licensed firearms dealers and sales by club armourers to club members for use in club firearms. **Schedule 1 [2]** makes a consequential amendment.

##### **Records of ammunition transactions**

**Schedule 1 [1]** requires a licensed firearms dealer to keep records of ammunition sales and purchases by the dealer. The new requirement parallels existing requirements for the keeping of records of transactions involving firearms and firearm parts.

##### **Savings and transitional**

**Schedule 1 [4]** enables savings and transitional regulations to be made as a consequence of the enactment of the proposed Act.