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President's Message

Early next month we will be casting our vote to decide who will lead the federal government and who will be in the parliament to hopefully keep them in check.

For once, at the time of writing, besides a poorly thought-out article in *The Australian* newspaper suggesting the yet-to-be-built National Firearms Register could know where unregistered firearms are, firearm laws have hardly been raised during the election campaign. That could change before the ballot booths are open. What we do know is that both major sides can get themselves in a ludicrous race to the bottom raising ideas that in practice have no benefit to community safety and are often just more red tape or restrictions to appear 'tough' on crime.

One member of parliament who has been there for more than three decades to keep them in check is Bob Katter. A parliamentarian of 50 years this year, as he previously served in our state parliament, his views on firearms are well known. While he has not always been in a position to vote bad policy down, his opinions are to be ignored at the parliament's peril. He has been a strong supporter of us, the firearms community, and it is for that reason we have again financially supported his campaign on our members' behalf.

Under our ownership of the Australian Shooters Alliance (ASA), we recently met with the federal Attorney-General's department on the construction of the National Firearms Register. The ASA is now recognised by the federal government as an official stakeholder and is your direct lobbying and consulting vehicle to Canberra. The register is a connection system of the eight state and territory firearms databases and will hopefully finally force them to clean up their databases that are bulging with incorrect information, and that at times has been used to persecute law-abiding firearm owners. Our experienced lobbyist Tim Bannister writes about it below.

Vote wisely and safe shooting.

Hellen Gill

SSAA Queensland President

News flash: National Firearms Register won't have telepathic powers

By Tim Bannister - *The Report* Co-Managing Editor and Australian Shooters Alliance Federal Government lobbyist.

It may seem obvious to us, but it has become clear that those unfamiliar with firearms and much of the media have absolutely no understanding of what the National Firearms Register will and won't achieve.

After two men at the Melbourne Cricket Ground were found to be carrying unregistered handguns, *The Australian* newspaper published a story quoting the Coalition's Senator John Paterson laying the blame at Labor for being too slow in implementing the firearms 'registry'.

"No one should ever have to worry about firearms at any public event in Australia," he said. "We know that one of the firearms last night was unregistered and Australians know that the Albanese Government have never been on the front foot when it comes to community safety."

Despite admitting that one of the guns was unregistered, both in fact were; Senator Paterson and journalist Jessica Wang seem to fail to realise that a database of *registered* firearms will not have a list of *unregistered* firearms. It does not magically list unregistered firearms, and which criminals are in possession of them, let alone send an alert to the authorities that a couple of them are about to get drunk and rowdy at an Australian football game attended by 80,000 fans.

If only one of the alleged culprits had been given a prohibited firearms order, I hear the 'antis' cry. Oh, one of them was on the prohibited firearms list and the other was on bail. It is unclear whether the arrested men were barracking for Collingwood or Carlton, but I have my suspicions.

So, what will the National Firearms Register actually do? Click [here](#) to read the rest of Tim's article on the SSAA Queensland website.

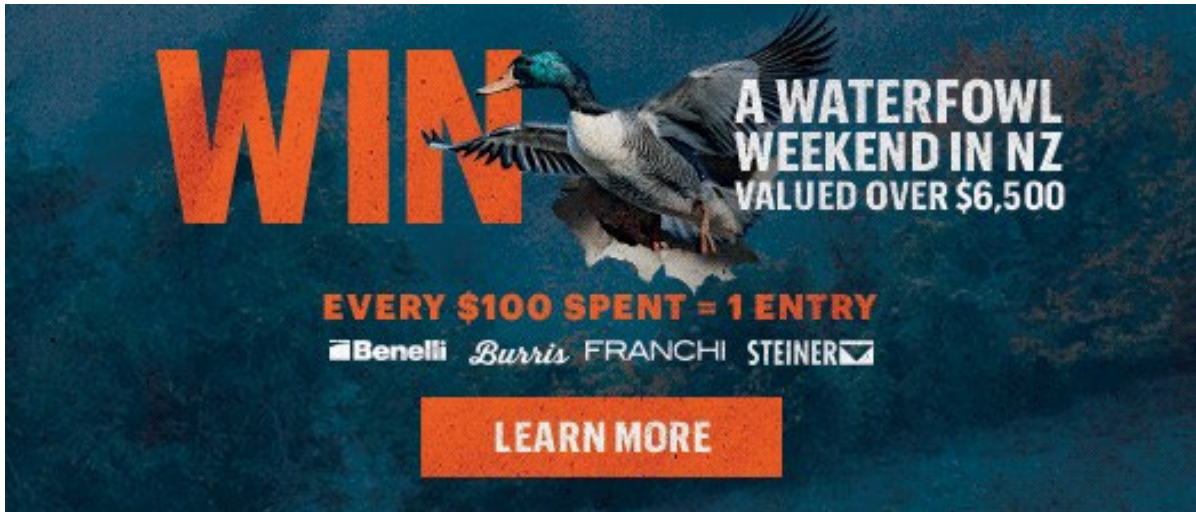
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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Mount: Ring mount

Objective:

- 3.5-18 Magnification
- 34.3-50mm Effective objective lens diameter
- 9.5-2.8mm Exit pupil diameter
- 95mm Exit pupil distance
- 10.1-2.1m/100m Field of view
- 5.8-1.2° Field of view degrees
- 21° Field of view apparent
- -3 to +2 dpt Diopter adjustment
- 91% Light transmission
- 9.9-30.0 Twilight factor acc. to ISO 14132-1
- 50-∞yds/46-∞m Parallax correction

Measurement:

- ¼ MOA/7.27mm Impact point correction per click (in/mm)
- 82.8/82.8 2.3/2.3 Max. elevation/windage adjustment range (in/@100yds/m@100m)

Size and Weight:

- 366mm
- 560g
- 30mm (central tube diameter)

Environment and Conditions:

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