

outlined in our recommendations.

The S.W.F. recommends to the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee and Parliament that the firearms section be severed from the present bill and be referred back to the Justice Department for further consultation between all provincial governments and firearms groups across the country.

The S.W.F. recommends that the Federal government immediately begin negotiations with the provinces to develop and expand all firearms safety programs and perhaps establish national guidelines for firearms competency.

Furthermore, we suggest the examination of establishing a provincial firearms licensing system for individuals tied in closely with the game law administration and firearms safety programs. Qualifications for such a license should be based on firearms competency and knowledge of gun laws only. A provincial firearms licensing system could be implemented by each province on a provincial basis.

In conclusion, we draw your attention to the positive nature of our policy and recommendations in this brief. Our recommendations would do much to support and advance those objectives of firearms controls stated earlier in this brief. Surely it would be better to accept our recommendations and receive the support and co-operation from our members, rather than impose frustration and annoyance should the majority of the firearms section of Bill C-83 become law.

General Conclusion

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