

Australian Capital Territory

Firearms Amnesty Declaration 2003 (No 1)

Notifiable Instrument NI2003—217

made under the

Firearms Act 1996, section 13 (1) (Amnesty)

The period beginning on Tuesday, 1 July 2003 and ending at the end of Wednesday, 31 December 2003 is declared to be an amnesty period for the *Firearms Act 1996*, section 16.

Bill Wood
Minister for Police and Emergency Services
19 June 2003

Note about declared general firearm amnesty

A proceeding does not lie against a person in relation to the possession of a firearm surrendered to a police officer during the amnesty period declared above (see the *Firearms Act 1996*, section 13 (4)).

The amnesty does not apply to any other breaches of the *Firearms Act 1996*. No compensation is payable for a firearm surrendered under the amnesty.

Note about other firearms amnesties

The *Firearms Act 1996* (as amended by the *Firearms (Prohibited Pistols) Amendment Act 2003*) creates the following 3 other temporary amnesties:

- Section 132 creates an amnesty for the possession by licensed target pistol shooters of certain prohibited pistols during the period beginning on 1 July 2003 and ending at the end of 31 December 2003. (Sections 135 and 136 provide for when compensation is payable for prohibited pistols surrendered during the amnesty period.)
- Section 133 creates an amnesty for the possession by certain licensed collectors of pistols manufactured after 1946 during the period beginning on 1 July 2003 and ending at the end of 30 June 2004.

- Section 134 creates an amnesty for certain people who possess unlicensed and unregistered percussion-fired pistols manufactured before 1 January 1900 during the period beginning on 1 July 2003 and ending at the end of 31 December 2003.

Note about where firearms should be surrendered

Firearms should be surrendered at the Firearms Registry, City Police Station, London Circuit.