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Beazley On Target: No Need for More Gun Laws

The International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH) has congratulated Australian Labor Party Leader Kim Beazley for stating that there is no support for demanding ever-increasing gun laws.

“It is pleasing to see a politician apply common sense to an emotive issue,” said WiSH Chairwoman Ms Samara McPhedran.

“Clearly, Mr Beazley has taken into account existing research, and based his statement on evidence.”

The Federal Government’s research agency, the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), has shown that in the decade since the 1996 gun laws were introduced, overall rates of homicide and violent crime were unaffected. The AIC has also found that legally owned firearms do not pose any significant risk to public safety.

Overall suicide rates increased after 1996.

Ms McPhedran stated that “Encouraging the misdirection of public funds into ideologically-driven firearms legislation contributes nothing towards social wellbeing.”

“Gun prohibitionists simply provide politicians with excuses to avoid addressing social issues,” Ms McPhedran finished.

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