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**Canadian Government Gun Law Response 'Appropriate'**

The International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH) has offered cautious praise to the Canadian Government for their response to the Dawson College shooting.

WiSH Chairwoman Ms Samara McPhedran said that "It is only too common to see such terrible events used to push other agendas. In contrast, the restraint shown by the Harper Government to date is an entirely appropriate response."

"Unfortunately not all political figures have exercised similar sensitivity, which is disappointing."

WiSH emphasised that it is not in the best interests of responsible policy formation to discuss new legislative directions until a calm and comprehensive approach can be taken, and have urged prudence as Parliament resumes.

"People are tired of seeing politicians attempt to exploit tragedy to further ideologically driven causes," said Ms McPhedran.

"Politicians can best serve the community by basing policy on sound data."

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