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Petition to Senate: Base Gun Laws on Facts

The International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH) today thanked Senator for Victoria the Hon. Michael Ronaldson for presenting a petition from Australian firearms owners, requesting that Australian firearms legislation and policy be based upon evidence and consultation.

Almost 1000 signatures were collected on the petition in less than two days, at just one location in Melbourne, Victoria.

“We commend Senator Ronaldson’s recognition of the importance of evidence-based policy, and are delighted that the Senator has brought to the attention of Federal Parliament the New Zealand model of firearms legislation,” said WiSH Chair Dr Samara McPhedran.

New Zealand’s evidence-based approach to firearms legislation has been described as “world class” and ensures that firearms owners are fully engaged in a consultative process.

“The Senator has acted fairly and impartially, which, incidentally, is the way legislation and policy should be approached.”

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