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Mr Andrew Judd
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Dear Mr Judd

Thank you for your seeking the views of the Liberal party during this State election.

I have pleasure in responding on behalf of all Liberal Candidates and making the following commitments to the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Tasmania) and its members.

Firearms Safety Training in Tasmania

To bring Tasmania into line with other States, a re-elected Liberal Government will procure a second qualified Registered Training Organisation (RTO) to undertake firearm safety training in our State.

As you know, currently only TasTAFE provides this service, and Tasmanian shooters are prevented from participating in interstate courses.

We recognise other States have several RTOs that provide this service, and if re-elected, we will ensure an open tender process to procure a second RTO to ensure Tasmanian shooters can establish and maintain their firearms licensing requirements.

Upgrade at the Riddell Range Complex

I am aware the SSAA (Tas) are currently working to future-proof its multi-discipline shooting complex at its Riddell Range Complex, Runnymede.

The project would seem ideally suited to the Government's Tasmanian Active Infrastructure Grants Program, which requires a 20 per cent contribution from applicants to build new or upgrade existing sport and active recreation infrastructure.

This program was due to be continued for a further two years with \$5 million in funding through the 2025-26 Budget, and a re-elected Liberal Government reaffirms this commitment.

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The fund is established under Active Tasmania, and you are able subscribe for updates (for when grants are opening) at: <https://active.tas.gov.au/subscribe>.

Firearms Consultative Committee

A re-elected Liberal Government will establish a government consultative committee on firearms. The committee will comprise a balance of firearms owners and advocates for firearms safety, as well as law enforcement and technical experts.

As a key stakeholder, we would expect the SSAA to be a participant.

The committee will be guided by clear terms of reference and will have opportunities to provide advice on firearms policy and community safety issues to the Minister and the Tasmanian Government.

Deer eradication and recreational hunting

A re-elected Liberal Government will double down on wild fallow deer to eradicate this threat. Our Deer Management Plan already allows for the eradication of deer in zones 2 and 3, which is subject to the landowner's choice.

We will make Zone 3 a complete eradication zone.

A re-elected Liberal Government will put in place a new Farm Assist program to connect farmers with recreational shooters, so they can help participate in the eradication effort.

We will couple this with a 20 per cent rebate (capped at \$500,000) for ammunition used to control deer and other browsing animals, as well as invasive species such as feral cats and rabbits.

We will increase access to public land for recreational hunting and control management on Crown land, as well as continue to manage in peri-urban areas.

A re-elected Liberal Government will continue the trial of commercial use of wild fallow deer for human consumption, with the outcome to be consulted after 100 days of forming government.

TasInsure

You would be aware, a re-elected Liberal Government will establish TasInsure to help reduce insurance costs for small businesses, community organisations and event organisers, many of whom are part of our vibrant sporting sector.

As you would be aware, insurance premiums in Tasmania have risen by more than 35% in just two years, making it harder for businesses. Tasmanians have been paying sky-high premiums because they are paying mainland prices to cover mainland insurance claims. The market has failed Tasmanians, insurance is becoming unaffordable, and that's why we are acting.

TasInsure will operate in conjunction with our MAIB and use its strong balance sheet to establish the business.

It will offer a range of insurance products, including home and contents insurance, small business insurance, and insurance for community groups and events, including public liability insurance.

But most importantly, we estimate it will save 20 per cent on the cost of premiums.

TasInsure will ensure Tasmanians will be protected with a trusted, local insurer that understands our communities and stands by them. TasInsure will be cheaper, fairer and ours – a Tasmanian solution that puts people ahead of profits.

Further information on TasInsure can be found at www.tasinsure.com.au.

Andrew, thank you again for the opportunity to speak to your members.

Only a majority Liberal Government has a clear, fully funded plan to grow our economy without higher taxes or more bureaucracy.

And we'll continue to deliver practical, proven solutions that support Tasmanians.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeremy Rockliff". The signature is stylized, with a large 'J' and 'R'.

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