

Adrian Pederick MP

Member for Hammond

Wednesday, 13 March 2013

Result for crossbow sportsmen

Recent pressure on the State Government by Liberal Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick MP has resulted in a positive outcome for crossbow enthusiasts across the State.

A recent Supreme Court decision placed the use of crossbows in archery sporting events in jeopardy and has had a negative impact on local businesses associated with the prohibited weapon.

Regulations have since been changed, as a result of Mr Pederick's pressure on Attorney General John Rau, providing some relief for those involved.

"The regulations make available the ability for members of archery clubs to continue to offer crossbow events and will alleviate some of the issues for local businesses such as Ausbow Industries in Goolwa," Mr Pederick said.

The *Summary Offences Weapons Act 1953* now includes regulations that will allow exemptions which will ensure the use of crossbows during legitimate sporting events will not be put in jeopardy.

In Parliament, the Attorney General made special mention of Mr Pederick's efforts for his constituents:

"I...want to acknowledge the member for Hammond and, of course, the member for Mitchell, who have both been lobbying me on behalf of people concerned about this matter for some time. Both of them have served their constituents well.... This is a fantastic example of the way in which members of this parliament can and have worked together to achieve a great outcome." (*Hansard 6/3/2013*)

Mr Pederick was happy with the outcome.

"I believe this to be a positive outcome for all involved," Mr Pederick said.