

From the VRA Council



To All Members,

Victoria Police Directive Regarding Muzzle Energy Limits Wellsford Rifle Range

The Licensing Regulation Division (LRD) of Victoria Police has issued written advice to the VRA that the Wellsford Rifle Range has a 3500ft-lb Muzzle Energy limit.

** Please note that this is not a VRA Council initiative.

It has been on LRD's agenda for some time, but we now have a directive in writing to which we must adhere.

A direct quote for the LRD email of 5 February 2015 included the wording;

"I confirm that the 3,500ft-lb muzzle energy limit is the utmost limit that the VRA Range in Wellsford Forest has approval to use as it is all linked to the fall out zone available."

This could/will apply to most VRA Ranges in Victoria that have the Fullbore Classification Ranges template. The ME limit is directly related to the fallout/overshoot template applied to each Range. All Clubs are asked to check their Range danger area template from their original range approval application.

The Wellsford Range has an 1830 metre danger area distance beyond the targets. LRD has stressed that the 3500 ft-lb is the uppermost limit and due to several variables (such as temperature of the day, varying powders etc.) that may affect Muzzle Energy members would be well advised to have their Muzzle Energy Rating well below this limit.

The VRA Council is forming a sub-committee to look into the ramifications of LRDs decisions and work out how best to administer this limit.

This restriction is effective as of now and will, therefore, be a requirement for the Victorian Queens series in April. Please refer to the attached document adapted from the Queensland Rifle Association which has both Muzzle Energy and Muzzle Velocity limits on the Belmont Rifle Range.

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VRA Chairman

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