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4th September 2024 – ABA Statement: SA Bowhunting Ban

Dear Member,

By now most people involved in the various disciplines of archery are aware of the impending Ban of Bowhunting in the State of South Australia. The Australian Bowhunters Association have been working behind the scenes to defend the Bowhunting and hunting in general from Mid 2022 just after the South Australian State Government changed from Liberal to Labour.

ABA at significant cost engaged the services of a Legal firm, Political lobbyist and a political marketing firm all of whom are based in South Australia. Due to the complexities of dealing with State Governments and their opposition parliamentary members, we were advised not to make our course of action against the government's decision public so as not generate negative social media.

Several other hunting, fishing and shooting associations, social media personalities and along with individual bowhunters all from South Australia have been involved with ABA behind the scenes to dispute the Labour governments unjustified decision to ban bowhunting in South Australia. This ban will also apply to indigenous hunters as well.

ABA was granted an in-person meeting with the deputy premier and attended along with several ABA members and former member of the South Australian government. This was in held in July 2023.

The release of the social media campaign designed to generate numbers to show opposition to the government's decision is slowly gaining momentum however we require more signatures, in particular from South Australia. Dealing with the government is a numbers game and we need more numbers.

Going to the www.handsoff.au website watch the video's, sign the petition and email the prewritten letters is a good starting point to show your support. Pass it on to your friends and anyone who is involved in the outdoor lifestyle.

This decision is just the start to the restriction of outdoor activities in that state. Hunting, Fishing, Shooting, Four-wheel driving, Camping and many more outdoor activities are all in the sights of the current Labour government.

Special thanks to those Individuals and associations that have and continue to donate their time, effort and funds to support ABA and bowhunting.

Regards,

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National President

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