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# What's New

## Transfer of Paintball Regulation

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The NSW Government has announced a review of the regulatory arrangements for paintball and paintball markers to be conducted by the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI).

Paintball activities are a sport and the NSW Government has identified there may be opportunities to reduce red tape and improve the regulatory model for the industry and participants, while maintaining safe and enjoyable environments for paintball participation.

The removal of the regulation of paintball activities from the NSW Police Force Firearms Registry was recommended in the Deloitte Review of the Firearms Registry. As a result, DFSI has committed to exploring regulatory options to reform paintball regulation. Refer to *'What's New – Deloitte Review of NSW Firearms Registry'* for further information regarding the Deloitte Review.

The current requirements of paintball operators will be addressed in the proposed new regulatory scheme to be developed by DFSI in consultation with industry, participants, and government.

The proposed regulatory framework will require Cabinet approval and legislation will be drafted for Parliament.

The transfer will not occur until rigorous industry consultation takes place and a regulatory framework (including transitional arrangements) is developed. The consultation with the paintball industry and stakeholders is an important step in getting the regulatory model correct.

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If you are currently authorised by a *paintball game permit* - the permit continues to be of effect and you are required to continue to operate within the parameters of the conditions imposed and the applicable firearms legislation.

If you are currently authorised by a *paintball gun permit* - the permit continues to be of effect and you are required to continue to operate within the parameters of the conditions imposed and the applicable firearms legislation.

If you have submitted an application (initial or renewal) for one of the above mentioned paintball permits, the Firearms Registry will continue to review and process the relevant applications under the authority of the *Firearms Act 1996* and the associated Regulation.

Further information will be made available once obtained.

Any enquiries on this matter can be submitted via the Contact Us page on this website.