

REF - AIRGUN BILL.

DEAR MR STEWART

I AM A KEEN AIRGUNNER, 51 YEARS OLD AND SHOOTING FROM THE AGE OF 10. I OWN OVER 1,000 OF AIRGUNS MANY OF SENTIMENTAL VALUE. I TEND TO SHOOT TARGETS INFORMALLY AS DO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I USED TO SHOOT FULL BORE PISTOL UNTIL THEY WERE BANNED. IN MY OPINION THE PROPOSED BILL WILL DO NOTHING TO PREVENT AIRGUN MISUSE AS THOSE INTENT ON MISUSING AIRGUNS WILL IGNORE ANY LEGISLATION, AND MY VIEW IS THE LAWS ALREADY IN PLACE ARE ROBUST ENOUGH. THE EXTRA EXPENSE AND RED TAPE IN LICENCING WILL DETER MANY FROM A SPORT THAT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF SCOTLANDS RURAL LIFE, AND TO SUGGEST AIRGUNNERS JOIN A CLUB IS UNREALISTIC DUE TO LACK OF LOCATIONS AND THE FACT THAT MOST AIRGUNNERS SHOOT AT SHORT NOTICE AND ENJOY THE SOLITUDE. I WOULD URGE THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER IMPLEMENTING THIS BILL.

Yours faithfully

Craig Stark