Division 11.3 Transportation

52A Transportation of firearms, reasonable steps in storing—Act, s 180 (3)

- (1) A person who transports a firearm takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the firearm is stored safely while the firearm is being transported if the firearm is stored in accordance with this section.
- (2) A firearm must—
 - (a) not be loaded with, and must be kept separate from, any ammunition; and
 - (b) if the firearm is being transported using a vehicle other than a motorcycle—
 - (i) be rendered temporarily incapable of being fired; or

Examples

- 1 by removing the bolt or the firing mechanism
- 2 by using a restraining device such as a trigger lock.
- (ii) be stored in-
 - (A) a securely locked container that is securely attached to the vehicle; or
 - (B) a securely locked compartment within the vehicle; and
- (c) if the firearm is being transported using a motorcycle—be stored in a lockable hard-case pannier, luggage box or other container appropriate for transporting the firearm; and
- (d) not be able to be seen by a person who is not responsible for transporting the firearm.
- (3) However, subsection (2) does not apply if the firearm is being transported by—
 - (a) a person whose occupation involves the business of a primary producer, and it is reasonably likely that during transportation of the firearm the person will need to use it for a purpose related to the business; or
 - (b) a person employed, or authorised, by a primary producer, and it is reasonably likely that during transportation of the firearm the person will need to use it for a purpose related to the primary producer's business; or
 - (c) a conservation officer, and it is reasonably likely that during transportation of the firearm the officer will need to use it for a purpose related to the officer's duties; or
 - (d) a person employed, or authorised, by a government agency to kill fauna, and it is reasonably likely that during transportation of the firearm the person will need to use it for a purpose related to the person's employment or authorisation.
- (4) In this section:

conservation officer—see the Nature Conservation Act 2014, dictionary.

employ includes engaging a person on a contract of service.

fauna means—

- (a) a native animal; or
- (b) a pest animal; or
- (c) stock.

native animal—see the *Nature Conservation Act 2014*, section 12. *pest animal*—see the *Pest Plants and Animals Act 2005*, dictionary. *stock*—see the *Stock Act 2005*, dictionary.