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Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Time to hand in unlawful or unlicensed firearms

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In helping to keep the Territory a safer place, a firearm amnesty for unlawful or unlicensed firearms and firearm parts and accessories will be in place from 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015.

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services Peter Chandler said recommendations from an interim review of the Martin Place siege included firearm amnesty provisions for all jurisdictions.

“The Northern Territory maintains an informal amnesty at all times however, this three month period means anybody can arrange for their firearm or other weapons to be handed in, without fear of incrimination,” he said.

When handing in firearms to police stations, the following safety precautions are required to be taken:

- Ensure the firearm is not loaded;

- Take the bolt/firing mechanism out if possible;

- ‘Break’ the firearm if the mechanism allows;

- Carry the firearm in a suitable firearm carry bag or case.

“Unlawful firearms present dangers to the community and if you know of someone in your local community who is in possession of unlawful or unlicensed firearms, it is important you notify police as soon as possible,” Mr Chandler said.

“If a person if caught with an unlawful modified firearm they could face a ten year jail term or a $306,000 fine.

Contact your local Police Station if you have any questions, or call 131 444.

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