One illegal firearm in our community is one too many.

Chris Dawson, ACIC CEO

While Australia has some of the strongest firearm controls in the world, illicit firearms remain a desirable commodity and enabler for criminal activity.

There are more than 250,000 long-arms and 10,000 handguns in the illicit market.

An increasing number of organised crime groups, including outlaw motorcycle gangs are trafficking illicit firearms.

Firearms enable organised crime groups to be more lethal in their activities.

2004–2016

ACIC received 6,874 requests for domestic firearm traces.

ACIC holds more than 1.8 million historical records of firearms transactions.

There are more than 2.89 million legally registered firearms in Australia and approximately 816,000 firearm licences.