



Your **OPINIONS**

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GoPro mandate?

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With the millions of taxpayers dollars the Labor Government is planning to spend in an attempt to regulate hunting perhaps they could mandate the fitting of "GoPro" type cameras to all firearms which also GPS tracks and downloads, when in range, to a government server. It would be cheaper and more effective than trying to monitor the hunting activities with humans on the ground given hunters are permitted to hunt in over 50 per cent of Victoria's public land. Each camera would be registered to a firearm. When the gun leaves its registered gunsafe the camera and gps activate, making it an offence not to keep it in working order. With cases such as is playing out in our courts

today and the too common shooting of threatened species, hunters are proving they can't be trusted to regulate their own behaviour when in possession of a dangerous firearm. It would also go some way to giving the rest of the population a little bit of peace of mind given hunting often occurs close to private property and other recreational users. The Game Management Authority and hunting groups are boasting low numbers of infringements issued during this years duck shooting season. This doesn't correlate with what is actually happening in the majority of areas that aren't monitored. Perhaps

GMA could mention the amount of illegal hunting incidents reported by the public but not followed up to balance the story.