

ALCOHOL SHOT GUN

This item operates in a manner similar to a water pistol. A shot of alcohol is poured into a removable barrel on top of the device, and a screw cap is secured. A plunger is then pushed forward to pressurise the canister and the liquid is released by a single pull of the trigger.

While this item is regarded as an irresponsible and undesirable device, its operation - being that of a water pistol - does not provide for its regulation under the Firearms Act 1996. Any attempt to encompass it under other legislation, such as the Control of Weapons Act 1990, in order to ban it would be inconsistent with the intent of this Act as well as being ineffective in real terms. People would simply substitute the alcohol shot gun with another water pistol if this fad were to catch on.

At this time the device is not in Victoria, and should it be introduced, measures to discourage its use may be considered through communication with the liquor industry and night club operators.

