



Newcastle Astronomical Society

HAND-HELD BATTERY OPERATED LASER POINTER PERMITS

NSW legislation restricts who can possess and/or use laser pointers with a power level of greater than one milliwatt. From 18 July 2008 you will require a permit to possess or use such a laser pointer, unless an exemption applies to you.

If you obtained the laser pointer before 18 July 2008, you will not need to obtain a permit until 1 December 2008. Thereafter, if you wish to retain your laser pointer, you will need to obtain a permit through the Police Firearms Registry.

You will not need to obtain a permit if you are a member of an approved astronomical organisation and you only use your laser pointer for astronomy purposes.

NAS will keep a register of laser pointer users. If you wish to voluntarily record some or all of your details, please fill out this form and mail it to the Secretary at the above address. Your details will be kept on file by the Society and may be divulged in the event of **NAS** being contacted by the authorities.

MEMBER'S DETAILS

Name:	
Address:	
The laser pointer that I use is owned by:	<input type="checkbox"/> myself <input type="checkbox"/> _____
The laser pointer is used for the following purpose:	<input type="checkbox"/> Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Training <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
NB: Usage for purposes other than astronomy will not exempt you from obtaining an individual permit.	

LASER POINTER DETAILS

Manufacturer:	
Model & Serial No:	
Power: (milliwatts)	
Colour of laser beam:	
Other details:	

Signed: _____

NOTE: **NAS** strongly recommends you keep your laser pointer securely locked away when not in use. **NAS** is currently awaiting Police registration as an approved astronomical society.