

Ian Watson – Candidate for ACTA Board of Directors

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To the Members of the Australian Clay Target Association Ltd,

I, Ian Watson, respectfully seek your support for election to the ACTA Board of Directors. My commitment to ACTA spans many years, driven by a passion for clay target shooting and a strong belief in the future of our sport—from grassroots participants to elite competitors.

Leadership and Service

My journey began as President of the Kojonup Clay Target Club and continued through nearly a decade on the WACTA State Executive, filling many positions including President and State Delegate to the ACTA Executive Council.

From 2018 to 2023, I contributed as a member of the ACTA Executive Council and served on the ACTA Board from May 2023 to April 2025.

Vision for ACTA's Future

I believe our future relies on strong, thriving grassroots clubs. These clubs are the foundation of ACTA, and we must prioritize their development through better support, clear communication, and targeted member engagement strategies.

Considering the massive changes that have been thrust upon Western Australian firearms owners in recent years and the prospect of similar changes happening in other states. I believe that our long-term survival as a sport is reliant on increasing our membership base and exposure to the public as a legitimate sport. I am committed to advocating for our sport's recognition and ensuring its long-term survival and growth.

Skills for Sustainable Growth

With a background in agriculture, business ownership, and real estate, I bring financial and strategic insight as well as a practical and balanced approach to decision making to the ACTA Board.

I believe ACTA must balance financial responsibility with providing meaningful benefits to members. From social shooters to national representatives, all members deserve to feel valued and supported. I will continue to advocate for inclusive policies that strengthen ACTA's foundations while preparing us for a sustainable future.

A Commitment to Serve

I remain deeply committed to the future of ACTA and its members. My leadership experience, business background, and long-standing service within the organisation uniquely position me to contribute meaningfully at the national level.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote, so we can work together to ensure a strong and successful future for clay target shooting in Australia.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Watson

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