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Temporary Removal of the Arborist Slingshot from Service

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Background

The Prohibited Weapons Permit that allows the NSW SES to hold, carry and use the Arborist Slingshot will expire on 22 November 2019 with the departure of Deputy Commissioner Newton (the Permit holder).

The Arborist Slingshot is a Prohibited Weapon under the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998* and use of the slingshot without a valid and current permit is a serious criminal offence.

Current Situation

The NSW SES is seeking an interim permit or arrangement from NSW Police to enable the service to continue using the slingshot and training members in its safe use, however this may not be in place by 22 November 2019. Members will be advised in a further Bulletin when slingshots may be used and will be reminded at that time of the conditions of the Permit that must be strictly adhered to.

Action Required

- All use of the Arborist Slingshot by NSW SES members **must cease on 22 November 2019**.
- All Arborist Slingshots must be safely secured in their locked compartments by **12 noon on 22 November 2019**.
- No slingshot may be removed from its secure storage location or used after that date for any purpose, including training.

Future Situation

Members are to await further instructions on any interim measure or future permit granted by NSW Police.

Relevant Documentation

- [Arborist Slingshot Management and Use Procedure](#)
- [Arborist Slingshot Permit 2021](#)
- [Updated Training, Use and Management of the Arborist Slingshot 011920](#)

Please refer any questions on this matter to capability@ses.nsw.gov.au in the first instance.

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