

**Statement from a 3AW spokesperson,**

3AW's commentary has focused on the total cost of the \$13 million Victorian machete disposal program. We have acknowledged on air that the figure includes program costs such as installation, maintenance and marketing.

We believe Victorians have a right to know how taxpayers' money is being spent and have repeatedly encouraged the Police Minister and Premier to clarify details about the program, including the \$13 million budget. It's an important issue of interest to the Victorian community. While our request for a government representative to come on air to discuss the program has yet to be taken up, the invitation remains open.