



Hunter Bird Observers Club

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Premier Daniel Andrews,
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Dear Premier,

Re: Duck hunting

Members (approximately 400) of the Hunter Bird Observers Club Inc. based in Newcastle, NSW oppose your decision to allow the duck hunting season in Victoria to proceed in 2023.

We ask that during the coming year you reconsider your position and ban duck hunting from Victoria.

Duck hunting seasons were banned in Western Australia in 1990, in NSW in 1995 and in Queensland in 2005.

Shooting ducks for sport may have been culturally acceptable in the past. However, the majority of the Australian population, not just members of bird clubs, considers duck shooting to be a barbaric practice. Maimed birds are often left to die a slow, agonising death where they fall. Protected species are shot in large numbers which shows the inadequacy of identification testing procedure and rare and endangered species become targets.

Many species of waterfowl are constantly under threat due to draining and reclaiming of wetlands for agriculture and housing development, lack of flooding caused by excess water extraction for irrigation and flood plain water harvesting.

We ask that you ban duck hunting in Victoria once and for all.

Thank you,

Hunter Bird Observers Club Conservation Committee 7th March, 2023