

Media Release



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DRIVING SUSTAINABLE GAME HUNTING IN VICTORIA

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring game hunting remains a safe and sustainable recreational pursuit for generations of Victorians with the appointment of the Game Management Authority (GMA) Board.

Minister for Agriculture Jaala Pulford today announced the members of the new board, which includes tiered terms for Directors.

The GMA works with the community as an independent regulator and authority for game management and quality hunting opportunities in Victoria, and has a lead role in delivering the Labor Government's *Sustainable Hunting Action Plan*.

The Authority will be led by Chairperson Brian Hine, who has more than 35 years of experience in the public sector spanning land management, health and human services, local government and emergency services.

Mr Hine will be supported by the reappointment of Ms Margaret Donnan as Deputy Chairperson.

Other board members include:

- Dr Sandra Brizga – an environmental and natural resources consultant with extensive experience as a board member and chairperson in conservation management
- Mr Ian Maxfield – experienced in public administration with industrial relations and human resource management expertise
- Ms Maggy Samaan – experienced in corporate governance, risk management, protected disclosure, contract and commercial law
- Mr Mark Little – strong hunting, conservation and game management expertise
- Mr Rodney Drew – strong experience in hunting, game and financial management.

The board will operate from 1 July.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Agriculture Jaala Pulford

"This new Board, with tiered terms and greater representation of women, will provide effective leadership and strong regulation of game hunting in Victoria."

"Victoria has more than 50,000 hunters who contribute millions of dollars into towns and regional centres across Victoria each year, supporting around 3,500 jobs."

"It's vital that we continue working hard to ensure that people who want to hunt can do so in a safe, responsible and a sustainable way."