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## Wildlife Act 1975

### WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE NO. 2/2024

I, Steve Dimopoulos, as Minister for Outdoor Recreation and as Minister for Environment make the following Notice:

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STEVE DIMOPOULOS MP  
Minister for Outdoor Recreation

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Minister for Environment

#### 1. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to prohibit absolutely the taking, destroying, or hunting in Victoria of indigenous game birds (waterfowl) in the areas specified in this Notice, which would otherwise be permitted during the 2024 modified open season.

#### 2. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 86 of the **Wildlife Act 1975** (the Act).

#### 3. Notice prevails

Under section 86(3) of the Act this Notice prevails over any inconsistent regulation made and any licence, permit or other authority to take, destroy or hunt any kind of taxon of wildlife issued under the Act.

#### 4. Definitions

In this Notice:

**2024 modified open season** means the open season in 2024 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) specified in clause 6 of the Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No. 1/2024 made under section 86 of the Act and published in the Government Gazette No. S 113 on 8 March 2024, being from 8.00 am on 10 April 2024 to 30 minutes after sunset on 5 June 2024.

**indigenous game bird (waterfowl)** means any of the following, being the kinds or taxa of game set out in Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Wildlife (Game) Interim Regulations 2023:

- (a) Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*);
- (b) Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchotis*);
- (c) Chestnut Teal (*Anas castanea*);
- (d) Grey Teal (*Anas gracilis*);
- (e) Hardhead (White-eyed Duck) (*Aythya australis*);
- (f) Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck) (*Tadorna tadornoides*);
- (g) Pink-eared Duck (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*); and
- (h) Australian Wood Duck (Maned Duck) (*Chenonetta jubata*).

#### 5. Commencement and period notice has effect

This Notice takes effect three days after it is published in the Government Gazette and continues to have effect until the end of the 2024 open season.

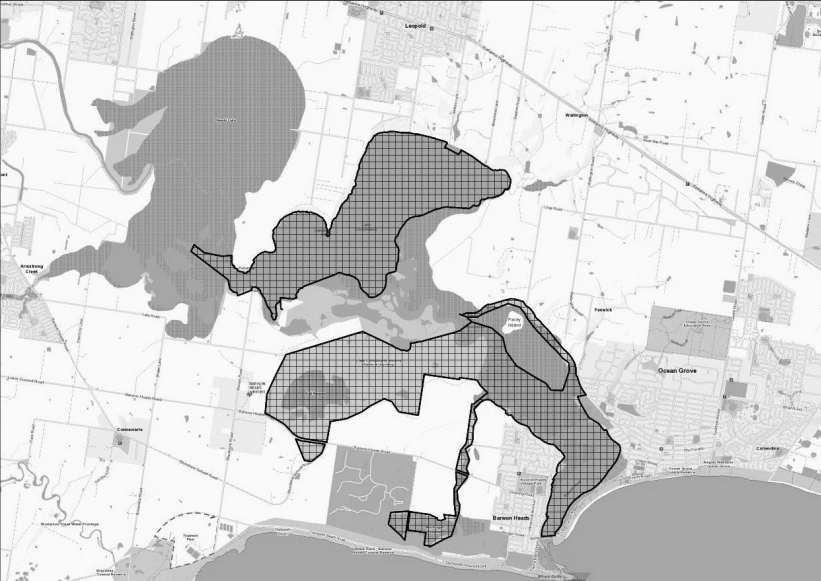
#### 6. Prohibition on hunting of indigenous game birds (waterfowl)

The taking, destroying, or hunting of any indigenous game bird (waterfowl) is prohibited during the 2024 modified open season in the areas described in the table below:

**SPECIAL**

Area Name	Location
Kow Swamp	Located in the Campaspe Shire, near Gunbower. The area includes all of Kow Swamp up to the Taylors Creek outflow regulator (144°19'01" E, 35°57'05" S), the Box Bridge regulator (144°15'50" E, 35°55'52" S), and south to the bridge on the Picanniny Creek (144°16'44" E, 35°59'34" S).
Reedy Lakes	Located in the Gannawarra Shire, near Kerang. The area includes all of First, Second (Middle) and Third Reedy Lakes. The western boundary is defined by Flood Lane (starting from 143°51'41" E, 35°37'59" S) south to the Murray Valley Highway (143°51'20" E, 35°39'32" S) and the Murray Valley Highway to the intersection of Apex Park Road (143°52'39" E, 35°41'22" S). The southern boundary is Apex Road.
Richardson River	Located in the Buloke Shire. The boundary being the mouth of the Richardson River at Lake Buloke (142°57'44"E 36°19'25"S) up to and including the Sunraysia Highway Bridge (142°58'40"E 36°22'1"S).
Tower Hill State Game Reserve	The whole of Tower Hill State Game Reserve, located in the Warrnambool City, northwest of Warrnambool.
Lake Colongulac Lake Reserve	The whole of Lake Colongulac Lake Reserve, located in the Corangamite Shire, north of Camperdown.
Lake Cullen State Game Reserve	The whole of Lake Cullen State Game Reserve, located in the Gannawarra Shire, northwest of Kerang.
Lake Buloke	The whole of Lake Buloke, including Little Lake Buloke, located in the Buloke Shire, north of Donald.
Lake Buninjon State Game Reserve	The whole of Lake Buninjon State Game Reserve, located in Ararat Rural City, northeast of Willaura.
Lake Goldsmith State Game Reserve	The whole of Lake Goldsmith State Game Reserve, located in the Pyrenees Shire, south of Beaufort.
Lake Natimuk	The whole of Lake Natimuk (parcel number 67B\PP3285), within the Lake Natimuk and Natimuk Creek Lake Reserve, located in the Horsham Rural City, west of Horsham.
Lake Wongan State Game Reserve	The whole of Lake Wongan State Game Reserve, located in the Pyrenees Shire, northeast of Streatham.
Pine Lake	The whole of Pine Lake, located in Horsham Rural City, southeast of Horsham.
Clydebank Morass State Game Reserve and parcel of adjoining public land	The whole of Clydebank Morass State Game Reserve and adjoining Clydebank Morass - Gippsland Lakes Reserve (parcel SPI 2003\PP3341), located in the Wellington Shire Council, east of Sale.
Bullrush Swamp	The whole of Bullrush Swamp, located in the Southern Grampians Shire, east of Hamilton.
Cundare Pool	The whole of Cundare Pool, located in Corangamite Shire, south of Cressy.
Lake Muirhead State Game Reserve	The whole of Lake Muirhead State Game Reserve, located in Ararat Rural City, northwest of Willaura.

<p>The Green Swamp State Game Reserve</p>	<p>The whole of The Green Swamp State Game Reserve, located in Ararat Rural City, near Glenthompson.</p>
<p>Greens Lake</p>	<p>The whole of Greens Lake, located in the Campaspe Shire, near Corop.</p>
<p>Lake Stewart (private wetland)</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Stewart, located on private land in Burrumboot, in the Campaspe Shire, near Corop.</p>
<p>Lake Martin</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Martin, located in Corangamite Shire, near Cressy.</p>
<p>Lake Murdeduke State Game Reserve</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Murdeduke State Game Reserve, located in the Surf Coast Shire, northwest of Winchelsea.</p>
<p>Lake Tutchewop</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Tutchewop, located in the Gannawarra Shire, near Mystic Park.</p>
<p>Lake Bolac</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Bolac, located in Ararat Rural City, near the town of Lake Bolac.</p>
<p>Big Reedy Lagoon State Game Reserve</p>	<p>The whole of Big Reedy Lagoon State Game Reserve, located in the Moira Shire Council, northwest of Yarrawonga.</p>
<p>Dowd Morass State Game Reserve – South-Central Portion to be closed to hunting</p>	<p>A south-central portion of the Dowd Morass State Game Reserve to be closed to hunting, as shown by the hatching on the map below, the Western boundary of which being a straight line between 38.159316° S, 147.176385° E and 38.151584° S, 147.182049° E and a straight line between 38.151584° S, 147.182049° E and 38.148996° S, 147.182744° E, the Northern boundary being a straight line between 38.148996° S, 147.182744° E and 38.150699° S, 147.194024° E, the Eastern boundary being a straight line between 38.150699° S, 147.194024° E and 38.158288° S, 147.192298° E and the Southern boundary being the southern boundary of Dowd Morass State Game Reserve between 38.158288° S, 147.192298° E and 38.159316° S, 147.176385° E.</p>
<p>The map shows the Dowd Morass State Game Reserve with a hatched area in its south-central portion. The hatched area is bounded by several straight lines connecting specific coordinates. The map also shows surrounding areas, including Lake Murdeduke, Lake Tutchewop, and Lake Bolac, and labels for 'Dutson' and 'Longford-Lach Spout Rd'. A scale bar at the bottom indicates 1:25,000.</p>	
<p><small>Disclaimer: This map is extracted from Victorian Government data. The material may be of assistance to you, but the State of Victoria does not guarantee a without flow of any kind or is wholly appropriate for your particular purpose and therefore disclaims all liability for errors, loss or damage which may arise from reliance upon it. All persons accessing this information should make the appropriate enquiries to assess the currency of data.</small></p>	

Koorangie State Game Reserve	The whole of Koorangie State Game Reserve, located in the Gannawarra Shire, located northwest of Kerang.
Hird Swamp State Game Reserve	The whole of Hird Swamp State Game Reserve, located in the Gannawarra Shire, near Macorna North.
Lake Boort	The whole of Lake Boort, located in the Loddon Shire Council, near Boort.
Lake Wat Wat	The whole of Lake Wat Wat, located in the East Gippsland Shire Council, north of Marlo.
Anderson Inlet	The whole of Anderson Inlet, located in the South Gippsland Shire in Venus Bay, southeast of Inverloch.
Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve (except Reedy Lake and Hospital Swamp)	<p>The whole of Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve, with the exception of Reedy Lake and Hospital Swamp, located in the City of Greater Geelong, north of Barwon Heads.</p> <p>The eastern portion of the Lake Connewarre Wildlife Reserve, as shown by the hatching on the map below, located to the east of the line consisting of a straight line between 38° 12' 12" S, 144° 27' 8" E and 38° 13' 53" S, 144° 25' 26" E and a straight line between 38° 13' 53" S, 144° 25' 26" E and 38° 13' 54" S, 144° 25' 19" E, and a straight line between 38° 13' 54" S, 144° 25' 19" E and 38° 13' 52" S, 144° 25' 4" E, and a straight line between 38° 13' 52" S, 144° 25' 4" E and 38° 13' 46" S, 144° 24' 56" E, and a straight line between 38° 13' 46" S, 144° 24' 56" E and 38° 13' 51" S, 144° 24' 53" E, and a straight line between 38° 13' 51" S, 144° 24' 53" E and 38° 14' 9" S, 144° 25' 23" E, and a straight line between 38° 14' 9" S, 144° 25' 23" E and 38° 14' 17" S, 144° 25' 22" E, and a straight line between 38° 14' 17" S, 144° 25' 22" E and 38° 14' 26" S, 144° 25' 41" E, and a straight line between 38° 14' 26" S, 144° 25' 41" E and 38° 16' 43" S, 144° 25' 15" E.</p>
	
Lake Linlithgow	The whole of Lake Linlithgow, located in the Southern Grampians Shire, east of Hamilton.

**7. Contravention of Notice**

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice.

Penalty: 25 penalty units.

**Note:** Unless modified by this Notice, the matters specified in the Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No. 1/2024 published in Government Gazette No. S113 on 8 March 2024 continue to apply in respect of the modified 2024 open season, including the prohibition of the taking, destroying or hunting of the Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchos*) and Hardhead (White-eyed Duck) (*Aythya australis*) specified in clause 7 of that Notice and the modification of the default bag limit specified in clause 8 of that Notice.

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