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## Wildlife Act 1975

### WILDLIFE (EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF MOODIE SWAMP STATE GAME RESERVE AND LAKE MODEWARRE RESERVE) NOTICE

I, Steve Dimopoulos, as Minister for Outdoor Recreation and as Minister for Environment, being satisfied that threatened wildlife are under immediate threat of destruction, injury or disturbance, make the following Notice:

Dated 12 April 2024

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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 temporarily 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 period specified in this notice as significant numbers of threatened wildlife are under immediate threat of destruction, injury or disturbance from hunting.

#### 2. Authorising provision

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

#### 3. Notice prevails

Under section 86A(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 particular kind or 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 rhynchos*);
- (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 from 12.00 am on 13 April 2024 and continues to have effect until 11.59 pm on 19 April 2024.

**SPECIAL**

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

The taking, destroying or hunting of any indigenous game bird (waterfowl) is prohibited during the period that this Notice has effect, in the areas described in the table below:

Area Name	Location
Moodie Swamp State Game Reserve	The whole of Moodie Swamp State Game Reserve, located in Moira Shire, northeast of Shepparton.
Lake Modewarre Reserve	The whole of Lake Modewarre Reserve, located in the Surf Coast Shire, east of Winchelsea.

**7. Contravention of Notice**

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice.

Penalty: 25 penalty units.

**8. Effect on other notices**

This notice prevails over the Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No. 1/2024 published in the Government Gazette No. S 113 on 8 March 2024, to the extent of any inconsistency.

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