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### Wildlife Act 1975

### WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE

I, Jaclyn Symes, Minister for Agriculture and I, Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, make the following Notice:

Dated 25 February 2020	Dated 25 February 2020
JACLYN SYMES MP	LILY D'AMBROSIO MP
Minister for Agriculture	Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

### 1. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to prohibit absolutely the taking, destroying or hunting in Victoria of specified indigenous game birds (waterfowl) and otherwise regulate and control the taking, destroying or hunting of indigenous game birds (waterfowl), which would otherwise be permitted during the 2020 open season.

### 2. Authorising provision

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

#### 3. Notice prevails

Under section 86(3) of the **Wildlife Act 1975** this Notice prevails over any inconsistent regulation made under the **Wildlife Act 1975** or any licence, permit or other authority to take, destroy or hunt any particular kind of taxon of wildlife issued under the **Wildlife Act 1975**.

### 4. Definitions

In this Notice:

**2020 open season** means the open season in 2020 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) being from the beginning of Saturday 2 May 2020 to 30 minutes after sunset on Monday 8 June 2020;

**default bag limit for indigenous game birds (waterfowl)** means the maximum number of indigenous game birds (waterfowl) that a person may take or destroy on any day during the 2020 open season as prescribed by regulation 30 and items 8 to 15 of Schedule 4 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012;

**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) Regulations 2012:

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

### 5. Commencement and period Notice has effect

This Notice takes effect on 21 March 2020 and continues to have effect until the end of the 2020 open season.

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

- (a) The taking, destroying or hunting of the Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchotis*) is prohibited during the 2020 open season, anywhere in Victoria.
- (b) The taking, destroying or hunting of any other indigenous game bird (waterfowl) is prohibited from:
  - (i) the beginning of the first day of the 2020 open season until 8:00 am on that day, anywhere in Victoria; and
  - half an hour after sunset on the first day of the 2020 open season to 8.00 am on Sunday 3 May 2020, anywhere in Victoria.

### 7. Modification of bag limit

The default bag limit for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) other than Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchotis*) is modified to a maximum of three indigenous game birds (waterfowl), on any day during the 2020 open season.

### 8. Contravention of Notice

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice. Penalty: 25 penalty units. This page was left blank intentionally

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