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WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE No. 2

I, Mary-Anne Thomas, Minister for Agriculture and I, Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, make the following Notice:

Dated 10 March 2022

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MARY-ANNE THOMAS MP
Minister for Agriculture

LILY D'AMBROSIO MP
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 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 modified 2022 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 particular kind of taxon of wildlife issued under the Act.

4. Definitions

In this Notice:

2022 modified open season means the open season in 2022 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) specified in the Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice published in the Government Gazette No. GS114 on 8 March 2022 under section 86 of the Act, being from 8.00 am Wednesday 16 March 2022 to 30 minutes after sunset on Monday 13 June 2022;

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:

- (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*).

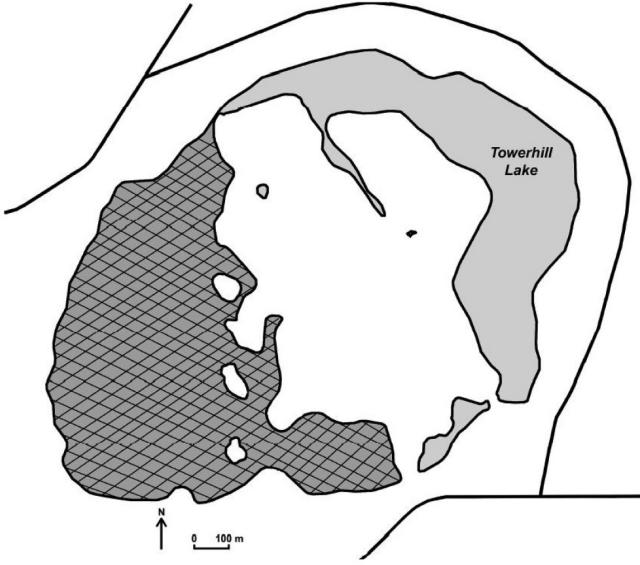
5. Commencement and period notice has effect

This Notice takes effect from 16 March 2022 and continues to have effect until the end of the 2022 modified 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 2022 modified open season in the areas described in the table below:

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Area Name	Location and Description
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°57'44"E 36°19'25"S).
Tower Hill State Game Reserve – West lake	<p>The western lake of Tower Hill State Game Reserve, as shown by the hatching on the map below, located in the Warrnambool City approximately 13 km north-west of Warrnambool. The northern point of closure is the line between 38°18'29.17"S, 142°21'14.38"E and 38°18'38.92"S, 142°21'14.38"E.</p>  <p>The map shows the outline of the Tower Hill State Game Reserve. A large area on the western side is filled with a cross-hatched pattern, representing the western lake. To the east of this area is a smaller, shaded region labeled 'Towerhill Lake'. A north arrow is located at the bottom left, and a scale bar indicating 100 meters is at the bottom center.</p>
Lake Muirhead State Game Reserve	The whole of Lake Muirhead State Game Reserve, approximately 14 km north-west of Willaura located in Ararat Rural City
Green Swamp State Game Reserve	The whole of Green Swamp State Game Reserve, located in the Ararat Rural City, near Glenthompson
Bryan Swamp State Game Reserve	The whole of Bryan Swamp State Game Reserve, located in the Southern Grampians Shire, north-west of Dunkeld
Lake Wongan State Game Reserve	The whole of Lake Wongan State Game Reserve, located north-east of Streatham, in the Pyrenees Shire

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 published in Government Gazette No. G S114 on 8 March 2022 continue to apply in respect of the modified 2022 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 6 of that Notice and the modification of the default bag limit specified in Clause 7 of that Notice.

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