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WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF ELECTRONIC ACOUSTIC QUAIL LURES) NOTICE

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

Dated 25 March 2022

MARY-ANNE THOMAS MP Minister for Agriculture Dated 24 March 2022 LILY D'AMBROSIO MP Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

1. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to prohibit absolutely the use of electronic acoustic quail lures for hunting, taking or destroying game during the 2022 open season and otherwise regulate and control the taking, destroying or hunting of indigenous game birds (quail) during the 2022 open season.

2. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 86(1) 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 or taxon of wildlife issued under the **Wildlife Act 1975**.

4. Definitions

In this Notice:

2022 open season means the open season in 2022 for indigenous game birds (quail) as specified by Part 2 of Schedule 3 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012, being from 30 minutes before sunrise on Saturday 2 April 2022 to 30 minutes after sunset on Thursday 30 June 2022;

electronic acoustic quail lure means an electronic device made or constructed to emit a sound that resembles or represents a sound made by a quail or a call resembling a quail call;

indigenous game bird (quail) means Stubble Quail (*Coturnix pectoralis*), being the kind or taxon of game set out in Part 2 of Schedule 3 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012.

5. Commencement and period notice has effect

This Notice takes effect from 2 April 2022 and continues to have effect until the end of the 2022 open season.

6. Prohibition of electronic acoustic quail lures for hunting, taking or destroying game

The use of electronic acoustic quail lures to hunt, take or destroy game is prohibited during the 2022 open season, anywhere in Victoria.

7. Contravention of Notice

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice. Penalty: 25 penalty units.

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