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#### Wildlife Act 1975

# WILDLIFE (PARTIAL CLOSURE OF DOWD MORASS STATE GAME RESERVE) 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 in a specific area 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 2022 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 particular kind or 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. S114 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:

- 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 from 12.00 am on 1 April 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 period that this Notice has effect, in the area described in the Table and map below:

Table and map:

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Area Name	Location	
Dowd Morass State Game Reserve – South-Central Portion	A south-central portion of the Dowd Morass State Game Reserve, 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.	
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Note: A digital version of the map can be viewed at https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/MapShareVic/

#### 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. 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 rhynchotis*) 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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