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WILDLIFE (EMERGENCY 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 temporarily 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 period of this notice.

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:

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 rhynchos*);
- 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

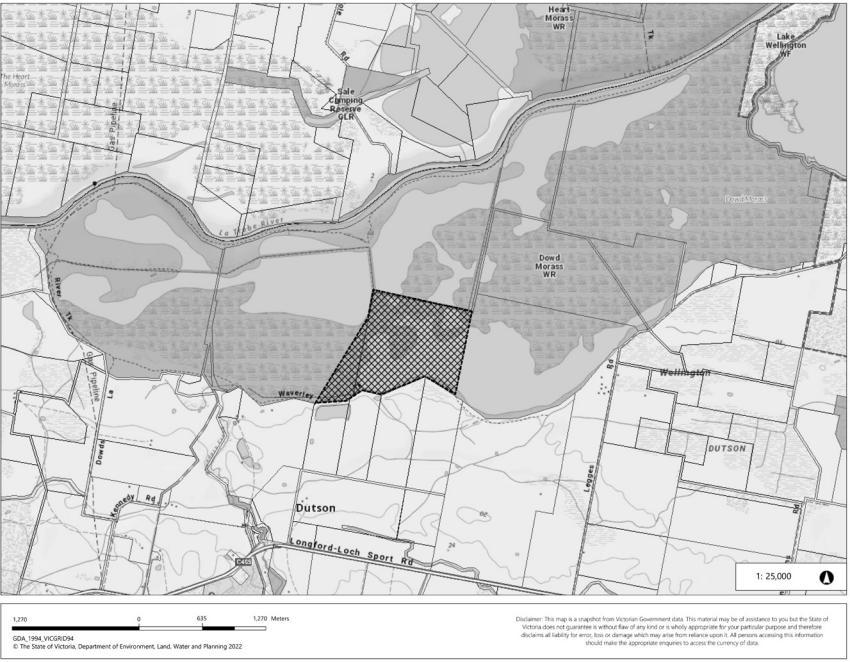
This Notice takes effect from 12.00 am on the day after it is published in the Government Gazette and continues to have effect until 11.59 pm on 31 March 2022.

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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

Area Name	Location
<p>Dowd Morass State Game Reserve – South-Central Portion</p>	<p>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.</p> 

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 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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