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Wildlife Act 1975

WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE NO. 02/2017

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

Dated 8 March 2017

Dated 9 March 2017

JAALA PULFORD 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 specified indigenous game birds (waterfowl), which would otherwise be permitted during the 2017 open season.

2. Authorising provision

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

3. Definitions

In this Notice:

2017 open season means the open season in 2017 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) as prescribed by regulation 29 and Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012, being from the beginning of Saturday 18 March 2017 to 30 minutes after sunset on Monday 12 June 2017;

specified indigenous game bird (waterfowl) means any of the following: Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), 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*).

4. Commencement and period notice has effect

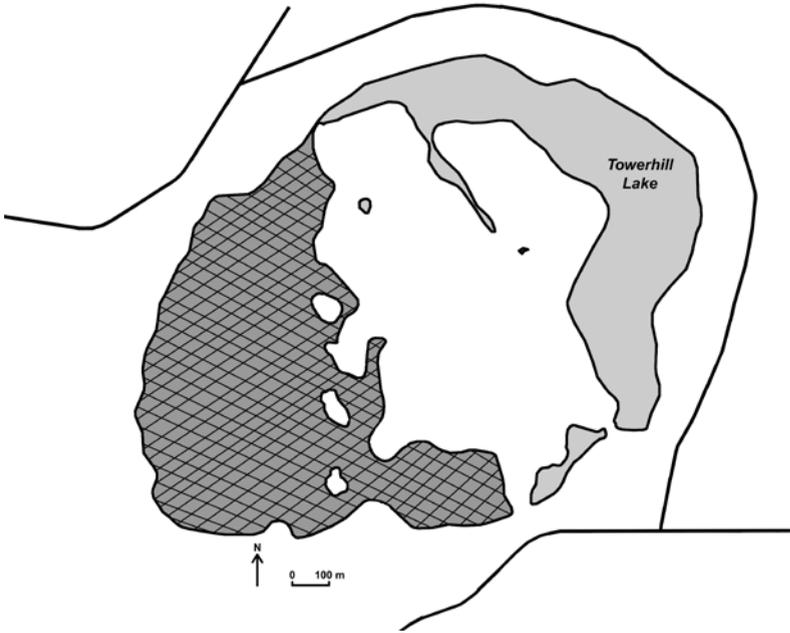
This Notice takes effect from the commencement of the 2017 open season and continues to have effect until the end of the 2017 open season.

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

The taking, destroying or hunting of any specified indigenous game bird (waterfowl) is prohibited during the 2017 open season, in any area described in the table below:

<i>Area Name</i>	<i>Location</i>
Lake Natimuk and Natimuk Creek Lake Reserve	The whole of Lake Natimuk and Natimuk Creek Lake Reserve, 6 km north of Natimuk, located in the Rural City of Horsham.

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<i>Area Name</i>	<i>Location</i>
Tower Hill State Game Reserve – West lake	<p>The western lake of Tower Hill State Game Reserve, 13 km north-west of Warrnambool, located in the City of Warrnambool, as shown by the hatching below. The northern point of closure is between 38°18'29.17"S, 142°21'14.38"E and 38°18'38.92"S, 142°21'14.38"E.</p> 
Lake Muirhead State Game Reserve	The whole of Lake Muirhead State Game Reserve, 14 km north-west of Wallaura, located in Ararat Rural City.
Big Reedy Lagoon State Game Reserve	The whole of Big Reedy Lagoon State Game Reserve, 7 km north-west of Yarrawonga, located in the Moira Shire.
Kow Swamp	Located in the Shire of Campaspe, 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 Shire of Gannawarra, 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 being Apex Road.

6. Contravention of Notice

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice.

Penalty: 25 penalty units.

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