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Wildlife Act 1975

WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE

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

Dated 6 February 2019

Dated 18 February 2019

JACLYN SYMES MP

LILY D'AMBROSIO MP

Minister for Agriculture

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) and otherwise regulate and control the taking, destroying of indigenous game birds (waterfowl), which would otherwise be permitted during the 2019 open season.

2. Authorising provision

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

3. Definitions

In this Notice:

2019 open season means the open season in 2019 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 16 March 2019 to 30 minutes after sunset on Monday 10 June 2019;

default bag limit for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) means the maximum number of indigenous game birds (waterfowl) that a person may take or destroy on any day during the 2019 open season as prescribed by regulation 30 and items 8 to 15 of Schedule 4 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012;

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*).

4. Commencement and period notice has effect

This Notice takes effect from the commencement of the 2019 open season and continues to have effect until the end of the 2019 open season.

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

- (a) The taking, destroying or hunting of the Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchos*) is prohibited during the 2019 open season, anywhere in Victoria.

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- (b) The taking, destroying or hunting of any other indigenous game bird (waterfowl) is prohibited from:
- (i) the beginning of the first day of the 2019 open season until 9.00 am on that day, anywhere in Victoria;
 - (ii) half an hour after sunset on the first day of the 2019 open season to 8.00 am on Sunday 17 March 2019, anywhere in Victoria; and
 - (iii) half an hour after sunset on Sunday 19 May 2019 for the remainder of the 2019 open season, anywhere in Victoria.

6. Modification of bag limit

- (a) The default bag limit for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) is modified as follows:
- (i) a maximum of four indigenous game birds (waterfowl) per day on Saturday 16 March 2019 and Sunday 17 March 2019; and
 - (ii) a maximum of five indigenous game birds (waterfowl), on any day from Monday 18 March 2019 until half an hour after sunset on Sunday 19 May 2019.

7. Contravention of Notice

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice.

Penalty: 25 penalty units.

Note: 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 of taxon of wildlife issued under the **Wildlife Act 1975**.

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