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WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE NO.3

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

Dated 20 May 2021

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MARY-ANNE THOMAS 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 indigenous game birds (waterfowl) and otherwise regulate and control the taking, destroying of indigenous game birds (waterfowl), which would otherwise be permitted during the modified 2021 open season.

2. Authorising provision

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

4. Definitions

In this Notice:

modified 2021 open season means the open season in 2021 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) specified in the Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No. 2 published in Government Gazette No. G 18 on 6 May 2021 under section 86 of the **Wildlife Act 1975**, being from 8.00 am Wednesday 26 May 2021 to 30 minutes after sunset on Monday 14 June 2021;

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 the commencement of the modified 2021 open season and continues to have effect until the end of the modified 2021 open season.

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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 modified 2021 open season, in any area described in the table below:

Area Name	Location
Kow Swamp	Located in the Campaspe Shire Council, 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 Gannawarra Shire Council, 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.
Richardson River	Located in the Shire of Buloke. The boundary being the mouth of the Richardson River at Lake Buloke (142°57'44"E 36°19'25"S) up to and including the Sunraysia Highway Bridge (142°57'44"E 36°19'25"S).

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 No. 2 published in Government Gazette No. G 18 on 6 May 2021 continue to apply in respect of the modified 2021 open season, including the prohibition of the taking, destroying or hunting of the Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchotis*) specified in Clause 7 of that Notice and the modification of the default bag limit specified in Clause 8 of that Notice.

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