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WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF INDIGENOUS GAME BIRDS (QUAIL) HUNTING) NOTICE

I, Sonya Kilkenny, Minister for Outdoor Recreation and I, Ingrid Stitt, Minister for Environment and I, Gayle Tierney, Minister for Agriculture, make the following Notice:

Dated 25 March 2023

Dated 26 March 2023

Dated 27 March 2023

SONYA KILKENNY MP

INGRID STITT MP

GAYLE TIERNEY MP

Minister for Outdoor Recreation

Minister for Environment

Minister for Agriculture

1 Objective

The objective of this Notice is to –

- (a) prohibit absolutely the use of electronic acoustic quail lures for hunting, taking or destroying specified indigenous game birds (quail), and
- (b) otherwise regulate and control the taking, destroying or hunting of specified indigenous game birds (quail);

which would otherwise be permitted during the 2023 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:

2023 modified open season means the open season in 2023 for indigenous game birds (quail) as modified by clause 6 of this Notice;

electronic acoustic quail lure means an electronic device made or constructed to emit a sound that resembles or represents a sound made by a quail or a call resembling a quail call;

indigenous game bird (quail) means Stubble Quail (*Coturnix pectoralis*), being the kind or taxon of game described and set out in Schedule 11 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012.

5. Commencement and period Notice has effect

This Notice takes effect from 12.00 am on 1 April 2023 and continues to have effect until 11.59 pm on 30 June 2023.

6. Modification of 2023 open season

The open season prescribed in Part 2 of Schedule 3 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012 in relation to indigenous game birds (quail) is modified in relation to the 2023 open season to be from 8.00 am Wednesday 26 April 2023 to 30 minutes after sunset on Tuesday 30 May 2023.

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

The taking, destroying or hunting of any indigenous game birds (quail) from anywhere in Victoria is prohibited during the following times on each day of the 2023 modified open season:

- i. 12.00 am until 8.00 am; and
- ii. from 30 minutes after sunset until 12.00 am.

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8. Prohibition of electronic acoustic quail lures for hunting, taking or destroying game

The use of electronic acoustic quail lures to hunt, take or destroy game is prohibited during the 2023 open season, anywhere in Victoria.

9. Contravention of Notice

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice.

Penalty: 25 penalty units.

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