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## Wildlife Act 1975

### WILDLIFE (EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF LAKE ELIZABETH STATE GAME RESERVE) 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 26 May 2023

Dated 25 May 2023

Dated 26 May 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 temporarily prohibit absolutely in a specific area the taking, destroying or hunting in Victoria of indigenous game birds (waterfowl) which would otherwise be permitted during the period of this notice as significant numbers of threatened wildlife are under immediate threat of destruction, injury or disturbance from hunting.

#### 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:

**2023 modified open season** means the open season in 2023 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) specified in the Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No. 1/2023 published in the Government Gazette No. S 112 on 14 March 2023 under section 86 of the Act, being from 8.00 a.m. 26 April 2023 to 30 minutes after sunset on 30 May 2023.

**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:

- (a) Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*);
- (b) Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchotis*);
- (c) Chestnut Teal (*Anas castanea*);
- (d) Grey Teal (*Anas gracilis*);
- (e) Hardhead (White-eyed Duck) (*Aythya australis*);
- (f) Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck) (*Tadorna tadornoides*);
- (g) Pink-eared Duck (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*); and
- (h) Australian Wood Duck (Maned Duck) (*Chenonetta jubata*);

#### 5. Commencement and period notice has effect

This Notice takes effect from the beginning of the day after it is published in the Government Gazette and continues to have effect until the end of the 2023 modified 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 period that this Notice has effect, in the area described in the Table below:

Table:

Area Name	Location
Lake Elizabeth State Game Reserve	The whole of Lake Elizabeth State Game Reserve, located in Gannawarra Shire, northwest of Kerang.

**7. Contravention of Notice**

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice.

Penalty: 25 penalty units.

**8. Effect on other notices**

This notice prevails over the Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No. 1/2023 published in Government Gazette No. S 112 on 14 March 2023, to the extent of any inconsistency.

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