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Wildlife Act 1975

WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE NO. 3/2025

I, Steve Dimopoulos, Minister for Outdoor Recreation and Minister for Environment, under section 86(1) of the **Wildlife Act 1975** (the Act) make the following Notice:

Dated 21 March 2025

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STEVE DIMOPOULOS MP
Minister for Outdoor Recreation

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Minister for Environment

1. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to regulate or control the taking, destroying or hunting of any Sambar Deer in an area and in the period specified in this Notice by modifying the 2025 open season prescribed in Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024 in relation to hunting or taking Sambar Deer with the use of a hound.

2. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 86 of the Act.

3. Notice prevails

Under section 86(3) of the Act, this Notice prevails over any inconsistent regulation made under the Act or any licence, permit or other authority to take, destroy or hunt any particular kind or taxon of wildlife issued under that Act.

4. Commencement and period notice has effect

This Notice takes effect from 12.00 am on 1 April 2025 and continues to have effect until the end of the open season prescribed in Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024 in relation to Sambar Deer as it applies in 2025.

5. Amendment of open season for hunting or taking Sambar Deer with the use of a hound

The open season prescribed in Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024 in relation to Sambar Deer when hunted or taken with the use of a hound or destroyed is amended to be:

- (a) from 30 minutes before sunrise on 1 April 2025 until 30 minutes after sunset on 17 April 2025; and
- (b) from 30 minutes before sunrise on 24 April 2025 until 30 minutes after sunset on 30 November 2025.

6. Intervening period

For the avoidance of doubt, hunting or taking of Sambar Deer with the use of a hound or destroying Sambar Deer is prohibited from 30 minutes after sunset on 17 April 2025 until 30 minutes before sunrise on 24 April 2025.

7. Contravention of Notice

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice.

Penalty: 25 penalty units.

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