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WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE NO. 5/2025

I, Steve Dimopoulos, Minister for Outdoor Recreation and Minister for Environment, make the following Notice:

Dated 15 April 2025

STEVE DIMOPOULOS MP

Minister for Outdoor Recreation

Dated 15 April 2025

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Minister for Environment

1. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to:

- (a) prohibit absolutely the taking, destroying or hunting in Victoria of indigenous game birds (waterfowl) in the areas specified in this Notice, which would otherwise be permitted during the 2025 open season; and
- (b) to permit the taking, destroying, or hunting of indigenous game birds (waterfowl) in Hospital Swamp in Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve and the south-central portion of Dowd Morass State Game Reserve, by revoking the Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No. 2/2025 which prohibited absolutely the taking, destroying, or hunting of indigenous game birds (waterfowl) in specified areas of Victoria.

2. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 86 of the **Wildlife Act 1975** and section 41A of the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984**.

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 or taxon of wildlife issued under that Act.

4. Definitions

In this Notice:

2025 open season means the open season in 2025 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) specified in Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024, being from 8.00 am on 19 March 2025 to 30 minutes after sunset on 9 June 2025;

indigenous game bird (waterfowl) means individuals of any of the following, being the kinds or taxa of game set out in Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024:

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

5. Commencement and period notice has effect

This Notice takes effect three days after it is published in the Government Gazette and continues to have effect until the end of the 2025 open season.

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6. Revocation

The Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No. 2/2025, made under section 86 of the **Wildlife Act 1975** and published in the Government Gazette No. S 107 on 14 March 2025, is revoked.

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

The taking, destroying or hunting of any indigenous game bird (waterfowl) is prohibited during the 2025 open season in the areas described in the table below:

Area Name	Location
Reedy Lakes	Located in the Gannawarra Shire, 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 is Apex Road.
Kow Swamp	Located in the Campaspe Shire, 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).
Richardson River	Located in the Buloke Shire. 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°58'40"E 36°22'1"S).
Tower Hill State Game Reserve	The whole of Tower Hill State Game Reserve, located in the Warrnambool City, northwest of Warrnambool.
Lake Stewart (private wetland)	The whole of Lake Stewart, located on private land in Burramboot, in the Campaspe Shire, near Corop.
Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve (except Reedy Lake and Hospital Swamp)	The whole of Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve, with the exception of Reedy Lake and Hospital Swamp, located in the City of Greater Geelong, north of Barwon Heads. The eastern portion of the Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve, as shown by the hatching on the map below, located to the east of the line consisting of a straight line between 38° 12' 12" S, 144° 27' 8" E and 38° 13' 53" S, 144° 25' 26" E and a straight line between 38° 13' 53" S, 144° 25' 26" E and 38° 13' 54" S, 144° 25' 19" E, and a straight line between 38° 13' 54" S, 144° 25' 19" E and 38° 13' 52" S, 144° 25' 4" E, and a straight line between 38° 13' 52" S, 144° 25' 4" E and 38° 13' 46" S, 144° 24' 56" E, and a straight line between 38° 13' 46" S, 144° 24' 56" E and 38° 13' 51" S, 144° 24' 53" E, and a straight line between 38° 13' 51" S, 144° 24' 53" E and 38° 14' 9" S, 144° 25' 23 " E, and a straight line between 38° 14' 9" S, 144° 25' 23 " E and 38° 14' 17" S, 144° 25' 22" E, and a straight line between 38° 14' 17" S, 144° 25' 22" E and 38° 14' 26" S, 144° 25' 41" E, and a straight line between 38° 14' 26" S, 144° 25' 41" E and 38° 16' 43" S, 144° 25' 15" E.

<p>Lake Muirhead</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Muirhead, located in Ararat Rural City, northwest of Willaura.</p>
<p>Lake Lonsdale</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Lonsdale, located in the Northern Grampians Shire, northwest of Stawell.</p>
<p>Lake Tooliorook Lake Reserve</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Tooliorook Lake Reserve, located in the Corangamite Shire, southwest of Lismore.</p>
<p>Tutchewop State Game Reserve and Lake Tutchewop</p>	<p>The whole of Tutchewop State Game Reserve and Lake Tutchewop, located in the Gannawarra Shire, near Mystic Park.</p>
<p>Lake Weering Lake Reserve</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Weering Lake Reserve, located in the Colac Otway Shire, north of Weering.</p>
<p>Lake Struan State Game Reserve</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Struan State Game Reserve, located in the Corangamite Shire, southeast of Lismore.</p>
<p>Lake Elingamite Lake Reserve</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Elingamite Lake Reserve, located in the Corangamite Shire, southwest of Camperdown.</p>
<p>Great Spectacle Lake Complex State Game Reserve</p>	<p>The whole of the Great Spectacle Lake Complex State Game Reserve, including Great Spectacle Lake, Little Spectacle Lake, Round Lake, Tobacco Lake and Little Lake Meran, located in the Gannawarra Shire, southwest of Dingwall.</p>
<p>Lake Cullen State Game Reserve</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Cullen State Game Reserve, located in the Gannawarra Shire, northwest of Kerang.</p>
<p>Lake Bolac</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Bolac, located in Ararat Rural City, near the town of Lake Bolac.</p>
<p>Browns Lake</p>	<p>The whole of Browns Lake, located in Buloke Shire, west of Cope Cope.</p>
<p>Lake Bael Bael, including Little Lake Bael Bael</p>	<p>The whole of Lake Bael Bael, including Little Lake Bael Bael, located in the Gannawarra Shire, near the town of Bael Bael.</p>

Lake Wongan State Game Reserve	The whole of Lake Wongan State Game Reserve, located in the Pyrenees Shire, northeast of Streatham.
Anderson Inlet	The whole of Anderson Inlet, located in the South Gippsland Shire in Venus Bay, southeast of Inverloch.

8. 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. 1/2025 published in Government Gazette No. G 10 on 6 March 2025 on page 354 continue to apply in respect of the 2025 open season, including the modification of the default bag limit specified in clause 6 of that Notice.

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