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## Wildlife Act 1975

### WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) (WETLANDS CLOSURE) NOTICE NO. 2/2026

I, Enver Erdogan, Minister for Outdoor Recreation and Minister for Environment, make the following Notice:

Dated 4 May 2026

THE HON. ENVER ERDOGAN MLC  
Minister for Outdoor Recreation

Dated 4 May 2026

THE HON. ENVER ERDOGAN MLC  
Minister for Environment

#### 1. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to 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 2026 open season.

#### 2. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 86(1) 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 or taxon of wildlife issued under that Act.

#### 4. Definitions

In this Notice:

**2026 open season** means the open season in 2026 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) specified in Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024, being from 8.00 am on 18 March 2026 to 30 minutes after sunset on 8 June 2026;

**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:

- Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*);
- 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*);
- Australian Wood Duck (Maned Duck) (*Chenonetta jubata*).

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

This Notice takes effect three days after the day on which it is published in the Government Gazette and continues to have effect until the end of the 2026 open season.

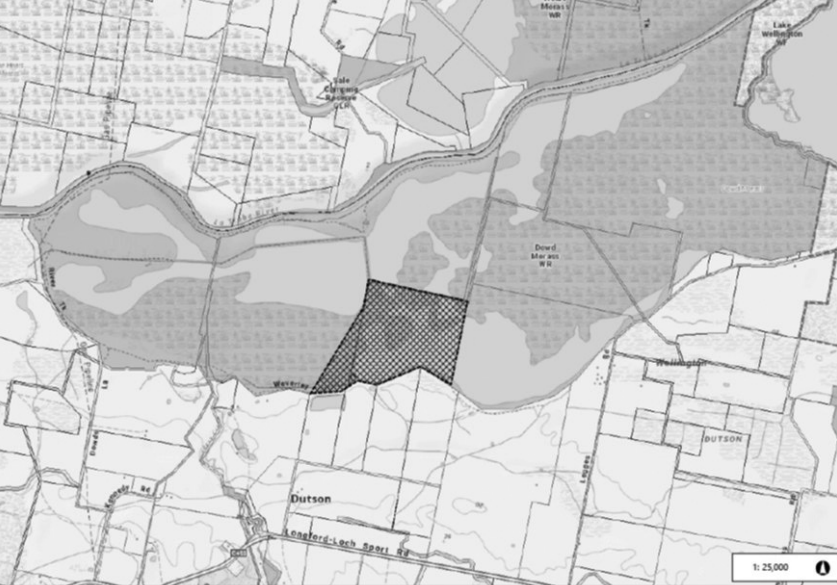
#### 6. Revocation


The Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) (Wetlands Closure) Notice No.1/2026 made under section 86 of the **Wildlife Act 1975** and published in the Government Gazette No. S 139 on Friday 13 March 2026 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 period that this Notice has effect in the areas described in the table below:

**SPECIAL**

Area Name	Location
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).
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.
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).
Lake Lonsdale	The whole of Lake Lonsdale, located in the Northern Grampians Shire, northwest of Stawell.
Dowd Morass State Game Reserve – South Central Portion	<p>A south-central portion of the Dowd Morass State Game Reserve to be closed to hunting, as shown by the hatching on the map below, the Western boundary of which being a straight line between 38.159316° S, 147.176385° E and 38.151584° S, 147.182049° E and a straight line between 38.151584° S, 147.182049° E and 38.148996° S, 147.182744° E, the Northern boundary being a straight line between 38.148996° S, 147.182744° E and 38.150699° S, 147.194024° E, the Eastern boundary being a straight line between 38.150699° S, 147.194024° E and 38.158288° S, 147.192298° E and the Southern boundary being the southern boundary of Dowd Morass State Game Reserve between 38.158288° S, 147.192298° E and 38.159316° S, 147.176385° E.</p>
 <p data-bbox="326 1646 604 1696"> <small>1,200 0 400 1,200 meters Scale: 1:25,000 © The State of Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning 2022</small> </p> <p data-bbox="840 1646 1162 1696"> <small>Disclaimer: This map is a snapshot from Victorian Government data. This material may be of assistance to you but the State of Victoria does not guarantee a without fault or a wholly appropriate for your particular purpose and therefore disclaims all liability for error, loss or damage which may arise from reliance upon it. All persons accessing this information should make the appropriate enquiries to access the currency of data.</small> </p>	

Bradys Swamp State Game Reserve	The whole of Bradys Swamp State Game Reserve, located in the Ararat Rural City, northeast of Dunkeld.
Lake Wongan State Game Reserve	The whole of Lake Wongan State Game Reserve, located in the Pyrenees Shire, northeast of Streatham.
Lake Elingamite	The whole of Lake Elingamite Lake Reserve, located in the Corangamite Shire, southwest of Camperdown.
Great Spectacle Lake	The whole of Great Spectacle Lake, part of the Great Spectacle Lake Complex State Game Reserve, located in the Gannawarra Shire, southwest of Kerang.
Tower Hill State Game Reserve	The whole of Tower Hill State Game Reserve, located in the Warrnambool City, northwest of Warrnambool.
Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Park	The whole of Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Park, located in the Wellington Shire, east of Port Welshpool.
Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve (excluding Hospital Swamp and Reedy Lake)	<p>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.</p> <p>The eastern portion of the Lake Connewarre Wildlife 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>
	

Anderson Inlet	The whole of Anderson Inlet, located in the South Gippsland Shire in Venus Bay, southeast of Inverloch.
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**8. Contravention of Notice**

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice.

Penalty: 25 penalty units.

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