

Wildlife Act Review

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- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

Comment

Our peaceful wetlands are only days away from becoming killing fields, as the start of 'duck shooting season' commences. While most people in Victoria are opposed to duck shooting, many don't realise it remains legal. From next Wednesday 26 May, it won't just be just waterbirds labelled as 'game' species who are at risk. These fragile and complex wetland ecosystems are home to an abundance of other wildlife, who will all be put at risk by this violent intrusion into their habitat and be forced to endure the relentless sound of gunfire, for weeks on end. The sight of animals suffering is something that many people find difficult to bear, yet on wetlands across Victoria, this is the norm during duck shooting season. It mean hundreds of thousands of birds may be killed or injured. In fact, it's the 'lucky' ones who will die quickly. Around one in every four birds shot will escape only to suffer shattered bills, fractured limbs, pellets through their eyes and gunshot lodged in vital organs... This suffering could so easily be prevented. But instead of making duck shooting illegal (as it already is in NSW, QLD, WA and the ACT), the Victorian Government allows it to continue. And shockingly the children as young as 12 being licenced to kill wildlife. The community wants wildlife to be protected, not killed for 'fun'. Please with your power, you can stop this stupidity and cruelty! It's a crime to wild animals . They don't kill human being for "fun". In fact we human are so over populated and leave less and less space for wild animals to survive. Enough damage done to the wild animals! It's time to be kind and loving to wild animals, they need us to protect to have safe life. Live and let live should be the life principal for every human being. Please do something as soon as possible to protect these wild animals. Earth belong to them too. They are here for purpose. Not for serving human or provide benefit only.

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