



Select Committee on Victoria's Recreational Native Bird Hunting Arrangements

Hearing Date: 16 June 2023

Questions taken on notice

Directed to: Coalition against Duck Shooting

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1. BEV MCARTHUR Page no. 55

Question asked to Laurie Levy:

You also discredited Rodney Carter, the CEO of the Dja Dja Wurrung. Are you seriously questioning an Indigenous leader's legitimacy to speak on behalf of these people?

Laurie Levy: I am, and a lot of other Indigenous members of the clan challenge his leadership as well.

Bev McArthur: Have you got evidence of that?

Laurie Levy: I can get it.

Bev McArthur: Please provide it to the committee.

Response:

See Response to QON - attachment 1

2. BEV MCARTHUR Page no. 56

Question asked to Lynn Trakell:

You made an assertion that fathers bully their sons out shooting. Are you going to provide evidence of this?

Lynn Trakell: Well, I have heard from other rescuers who have seen that happen, so –

Bev McArthur: Well, I think if you make these assertions, you need to provide evidence. Can we take that on notice, Mr Chair?

Response:

Please see attachments:

Response to QON – attachment 2 (Bullying)

Response to QON – attachment 3 (Sunday Herald Sun, 19 March 2000)

3. SHEENA WATT Page no. 60

Question asked to Laurie Levy:

Laurie Levy: Kakadu, for example. It has been a major tourism spot, and there are other wetlands around. But Victoria – see, the Auditor-General a few years ago made the statement that regional towns in Victoria were for doing far worse than regional towns in other states. You have got what could be a thriving tourism industry there, Sheena, sitting there, but a handful of shooters are preventing it from going ahead.

Sheena Watt: I would actually be quite interested in that report. Is that something you think you might be able to provide the committee at a later date, if possible?

Response:

I made a mistake; it wasn't the Auditor General's report – the research was conducted by SGS Economics & Planning.

I have attached the following:

Two newspaper articles on SGS Economics' research (2016):
Response to QON – attachments 4 & 5

Section regional Victorian tourism SGS report (2019):
Response to QON – attachment 6

Bendigo Adv newspaper article regarding Dja Dja Wurrung - Vic Gov tourism (2020) and latest ideas for improved tourism prospects:
Response to QON – attachment 7

Today's Vic Government media release on improved tourism finances to regional Victoria:
Response to QON – attachment 8