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Please may common sense prevail! How can the State Government justify the ongoing legality of duck shooting season when the vast majority of Victorians oppose it, and less than 1% actually partake in this twisted excuse for recreation?! It is cruel and inhumane to the ducks and other waterbirds that are indiscriminately shot at, leading to slow and excruciating deaths of these sentient birds (often endangered species). The 'sport' ignores the population pressures of drought and bushfire (past, present and future), and is widely unpoliced. It is an antisocial pastime that compromises the safety and comfort of nearby homeowners and visitors to wetlands, who are deserve not to be exposed to disturbing gunfire, carcasses, and litter. And in doing so, it does a disservice to local economies, which would be many-fold better served by tapping into the ever-emerging hobby of birdwatching and ecotourism. Please may common sense prevail!

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