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To the Governments Wetland Inquiry,

I am writing in support of our duck population and that the practice of duck shooting should be banned. Living in the country as I have done for over 40 years, I have never seen it as a prerequisite that I support the culture of duck shooting. What I have seen is the innocence and beauty of these creatures, that have been here a lot longer than us and have a right to continue to do so.

I am writing to you on behalf of the native water birds and inhabitants of the Regional Victorian Wetlands and Rivers. Currently they spend their time going about the daily business of survival, seeking out a meagre feed and looking after their young ones.

Meanwhile, many of these birds are oblivious to the impending destruction that awaits them with the opening of the so called "Duck Season"; a destruction that is sanctioned by the Government of this State.

Sanctioned by people who they do not elect, but who are responsible for the protection of all species in the State, believe that their passing can be used as an excuse for gaining economic benefits to regional communities.

They are not willing participants in this so called "sport" but just innocent creatures of the wild going about what they have always instinctively done.

Their kind have been inhabitants of this country for thousands of generations gradually evolving into the species that you see today. They do not seek any more than a feed and the right to exist with the rest of the natural world.

Why then do people with guns and death in their hearts and minds seek us out and want their demise?

Please ask them to take away their weapons and open their hearts and minds to the beauty of our natural world and leave the innocent in peace.

Ducks and all water birds should not be taken for granted and have a right to exist as all our indigenous creatures do.

Yours sincerely,
Richard Bazeley

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