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Dear Committee Members

We are astounded that the killing of protected Eagles has become a serious issue for the government but the slaughtering native waterfowl is a protected activity!

We are glad to see this inquiry looking at the issue and let it be known we are strongly opposed to duck shooting.

It must be put front and centre that climate extremes, ongoing habitat destruction and the general extinction crisis are all having a snowballing impact on our natural areas and wildlife.

The so-called sport of killing and injuring large numbers of inoffensive native birds is something that truly belongs to the 18th century, not 2019 in a civilised country. It is staggering that we have a government that can justify this barbarity.

We know that lobby groups and money is too often what drives policy. There must be a time when ethics and moral judgment overrides these corrupting influences.

This appalling crime has been banned in other states. Why does Victoria, which can be so progressive in other areas, steadfastly support what is really a shrinking number of bogun gun-toting obnoxious ruffians. We have come across them and make no apologies for describing them as such.

Compliance officers are too few and too many shooters get away with illegally shooting protected birds - every year - without fail.

This 'sport' is in fact aggravated cruelty and shooters should be charged with this crime. The world has moved on. Why hasn't the Victorian government?

We look forward to our state moving into the 21st century.

Yours sincerely,  
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