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Dear Committee Members

Victoria is home to many habitats and important environmental areas, special and diverse wetlands, home to so many different plants, birds, fish and other species.

I'm pleased to see this inquiry underway and wanted to take the opportunity it presents to raise with the committee my strong opposition to duck shooting.

Duck shooting has been banned in WA, NSW and Queensland, and was never permitted in the ACT. We are a progressive state, and yet in this instance we fall far behind others in the nation.

Up to one quarter of birds that are shot fly away wounded, and will go on to either suffer painful deaths or will suffer for the remainder of their lives.

Across Victoria, Australia and the world, there is growing evidence that our ecosystems are in real trouble and the water bird populations are particularly susceptible to drought, climate change and other threats. These factors make it even more inappropriate for recreational killing of water birds, to ensure their continued protection.

I hope this inquiry will seriously consider an end to duck shooting in Victoria, and will also provide recommendations for Government actions to restore and protect the wetland habitats all our water birds depend on.

I am not a duck lover, I would even classify myself as having a mild phobia of birds, but banning duck shooting is clearly the right course of action, from an ethical, environmental and social perspective. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Yours sincerely,
Amelia Greaves

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