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Dear Committee Members

I believe Victoria is blessed with special and diverse wetlands that are a home to so many different plants, birds, fish and other species.

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

I believe that an inquiry into Victoria's wetlands is not complete without examining too the impact of the duck hunting season on the populations of our native ducks - I understand the decline of wetlands, combined with the hunting season has brought our native duck populations to the brink.

I'm extremely upset and bewildered that in 2019, duck shooting continues in Victoria. It has been banned in WA, NSW and Queensland already, and was never permitted in the ACT.

I believe the shooting of native birds for fun is completely unacceptable. Up to one quarter of birds that are shot fly away wounded, and will go on to either suffer painful deaths or survive with enduring injuries including shotgun pellets embedded in their bodies.

Across Victoria, Australia and the world, there is growing evidence that our ecosystems are in real trouble, and that the water bird populations are particularly susceptible to drought and climate change. Victoria's current situation, coupled with these factors make it even more inappropriate for Victoria to allow recreational killing of water birds.

Each 'season' I am confronted by video evidence showing the cruel practices of some hunters and inadequate monitoring by the 'compliance' staff.

I trust that 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to share, and your consideration of, my view on this.

Yours sincerely,
M Obryan

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