

## **Inquiry into Auditor General Report No.202: Meeting Obligations to Protect Ramsar Wetlands (2016)**

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### **YOUR SUBMISSION**

**Submission:**

Living as we do, "in the bush" we see the impacts of human activity and a changing climate on our environment and our wildlife at first hand.

Hotter, drier years are now more common than not; less water in the environment for everyone means that all species are stressed to find that fundamental support of life.

The use of our wetlands and lakes by a very small number of shooters each year to attack our dwindling numbers of ducks (and other waterbirds and others that happen to be in the area) is unconscionable. What other native species are subject to this all-out massacre?

What other feral species are subject to this type of bloody and cruel massacre?

Our Club has been appealing to the various governments over the last 20 years to end duck shooting.

It denies access to our wetlands and lakes to the general public, all to support an anachronistic, destructive and outmoded activity for a few.

Slavery was outlawed 200 years ago, smoking has been seen for what it is and we no longer inflict the death penalty for any crimes, including murder.

What crime have our waterbirds committed to be so treated?

Enlightened society we may be in many aspects but we still allow ancient bloodlust to hold sway on our wetlands and lakes from March to June every year and treat our vanishing native waterbirds as disposable targets.

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:**

If shooters wish to kill other species, perhaps they could take on the role of helping to control our many feral and destructive species- foxes, hares, rabbits, cats, deer and goats.

**Are you interested in appearing before the committee in person to talk about your submission?**

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