

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

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### **YOUR SUBMISSION**

#### **Submission:**

I am writing to express my outrage and disappointment that duck shooting continues to be allowed in Victoria.

Duck shooting is a cruel and barbaric practice. Shooters inflict horrific injuries on hundreds of ducks, which then die slowly from their wounds. I cannot see how perpetrating such senseless cruelty could possibly aid anyone- the ducks, members of the public or the environment.

I also find it deeply disturbing that our State Government condones cruelty to animals. The practice of duck shooting is essentially for 'entertainment'. Inflicting pain on defenceless creatures for fun is sadistic, and it is sickening that such 'pastimes' are actively facilitated by the government.

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With the drought situation in so many parts of our state, dams already near empty, watercourses in dire straights, and a Climate Emergency finally being acknowledged, how can you allow the killing of native waterbirds to continue?

I trust that compassion and common sense will prevail and that you will ban this barbaric practice and send it back to the Dark Ages where it belongs.

Deni Odlum

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

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