

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

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YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

Dear Sir/Madam, For many years now I have had serious concerns many Wetland Bird Species, especially the Ducks as these are legally Hunted during a specific Season. In my working career I have had, and taught, the use of many small arms and am well aware of their "specific" use. Bluntly, using a Shotgun IS NOT a humane way to dispatch any animal as it is very indiscriminate in the way it disperses the pellets, and thus, as I have personally witnessed, many birds are either left to die, as they are only hit with several pellets, or they must be either shot again or caught and disposed of by other means, this 'activity' IS NOT and cannot ever be a humane way of disposing of an animal. I have also witnessed; as a wetland is very close to a family members home near Benalla, Vic, the absolute 'bogunism' of many who partake in this activity. This season I witnessed the absolute disregard for any bird..come (am on opening day; all hell broke loose with over 12 shooters surrounding a small wetland area, who shot at anything that moved..come 9am, then, when all was either shot or had managed to fly off, they then went around the area looking for any water are, inc local Farmers Dams, that they could shoot, racing from one area to another. Each year the same occurs. Duck Shooting IS NOT a Sport it is just a (presently) condoned activity for which no animal deserves such a fate. IF the State Government is really conscious of the 'money' factor for the State from Gun Licencing alone, I would strongly suggest that the Wetlands are worth far far more to any State and Country for revenue. Lets stop this absolute inhumane activity and promote our Natural Resources for the benefit they give and for the beauty they provide for all....for the Future enjoyment of all Australians.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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