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Dear Committee Members

I'm very pleased to see this inquiry underway, and want to voice my strong opposition to duck shooting.

The decline of wetlands, combined with the hunting season has decimated our native duck populations. The shooting of native birds for fun is not okay. I'm distressed that duck shooting continues in Victoria when it has been banned in WA, NSW and Queensland, and was never permitted in the ACT.

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.

Each 'season' there is new video evidence of cruel hunting practices, and inadequate monitoring by compliance staff.

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

Yours truly,

Dr Jill Orr-Young
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