

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

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Submission:

It could be considered a breach of the Ramsar Convention to allow duck shooting at these sites. Shooting ducks for recreation does not contribute to wetland conservation nor is it a 'wise use' of these wetlands that support internationally significant numbers of native waterbirds. Duck shooting must be banned at Ramsar listed wetlands to allow for real conservation and increase their accessibility to non-shooters who value and use these wetlands for pleasure and recreational activities. Over the past 37 years, the numbers of waterbirds on the East Coast have crashed by over 90%. This year, very little to no breeding of ducks has been discovered. There is a unique story to tell about the power of nature and its birdlife. Environmental flows to selected wetlands, including RAMSAR sites, could ensure a thriving tourism trade despite climatic conditions. However to do this, we must end duck shooting.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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