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Dear Committee Members

I'm very concerned that in 2019, duck shooting continues in Victoria when it has been banned in WA, NSW and Queensland, and was never permitted in the ACT.

The shooting of native birds for fun is simply not okay. Up to one quarter of birds that are shot fly away wounded, and will go on to either suffer painful deaths or survive with enduring injuries including shotgun pellets embedded in their bodies.

Across Victoria, Australia and the world, 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 alone should deem it inappropriate for recreational killing of water birds.

Known cruel practices of some hunters and inadequate monitoring by compliance staff in addition to recreational violence against animals is primitive by human & humane standards and should be brought to an end as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,  
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