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Dear Committee Members

Professor Richard Kingsford from UNSW has recently published a 37 year study showing that the waterbird population has fallen as much as 90% in Australia's eastern sections.

Given this, to continue to allow duck shooting in 2020 would be unconscionably irresponsible. Until our waterbird populations recover, allowing activities that could further reduce waterbird populations risks making them locally extinct, functionally extinct or even completely extinct.

For a brief introduction to the study by Professor Kingsford, see this link:

<https://www.google.com.au/amp/amp.abc.net.au/article/11715412>

Please, on behalf of all Victorians and future Victorians, bring an end to duck shooting in Victoria starting in 2020 and continuing at least until water bird populations recover (if they ever do).

Please, on behalf of all Victorians & future Victorians, take concrete and urgent action to restore and protect the wetland habitats all our water birds depend on including consideration of acquiring privately owned properties with wetland habitat on them in order to ensure their permanent protection.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr. Evelyn Hamel-Green

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