

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

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It is completely inappropriate to allow duck shooting in RAMSAR listed wetlands. These are fragile ecosystems, and allowing shooting of the wildlife, particularly in the current low rainfall environment, is unjustifiable. If duck shooting is still to be allowed in Victoria, it should at least be excluded from these wetlands.

To shoot around 400,000 birds a year in Victoria alone (GMA harvest statistics) is not synonymous with conservation, particularly when bird numbers are struggling and otherwise healthy birds of breeding age are shot. Further, the harvest numbers do not account for the numbers of birds shot and left behind including protected species. (These are found by members of the public most years). Hence the true toll is likely to be much larger.

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