

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

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Submission:

Why are there no protection of Ramsar Sites? They can be damaged or developed without penalty.

Who's allowing that?

Ramsar sites for endangered migratory birds urgently need and deserve the highest level of environmental protection.

The remarkable journey of these birds travelling over 27,000 kilometres in distance round trip often end tragically when they land exhausted to find their wetlands destroyed in their absence, is increasingly common due to our government not implementing and policing tougher laws.

Their strength as survivors relies on their ability to find suitable habitat, but the once plentiful network of wetlands are drying up or under threat from development or AGL wanting to put a gas import terminal next to a Ramsar site.

I live on Phillip Island and often visit Swan Lake to view the Sheerwaters nesting and the other bird life from the hides there. What a wonderful place, small but so necessary. Phillip Island and Westernport Bay are relatively untouched still.

Please ensure these precious areas are protected for all Victorians to enjoy forever. Thank you for your time.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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