

Duck season causes outrage

Despite increasing numbers of Victorians demanding an end to it, another recreational native bird shoot has been approved in Victoria, causing outrage around the state.

Regional Victorians Opposed to Duck Shooting says the season's announcement seems a "pretty gutless" attempt to keep the unpopular announcement under the radar.

The bird shoot will start March 16 and run for "three long months". Many shooting areas are near family homes, and most are near other recreational users.

"The Andrews government has again shown it is more concerned with a minority group of bird shooters, than regional resi-

dents and businesses," a spokesperson for RVOTDS said.

"No social / economic impact studies have ever been done on anyone other than a small group of shooters.

"No cost-benefit analysis has been done to account for the cost to Victorians of compliance monitoring, or lost tourism, of stock being sent through fences or the inability to work from home because of shooting.

"We challenge Mr Andrews to bring his family to stay by a waterway in regional Victoria between March 16 and June 13. It's time he experienced the carnage he condones."