

Where to hunt votes

DANIEL Andrews and Matthew Guy should pay closer attention to environmental issues (“Election is Labor’s to lose”, Opinion, 1/3).

Guy’s recent reshuffle moved the shadow environment role to James Newbury, who once made headlines for opposing duck shooting.

However hunting was split from the environment portfolio and placed with agriculture. Nationals leader Peter Walsh is the shadow minister for agriculture and a member of hunting lobby group Field and Game Australia. He advocates loudly for duck shooting. Duck numbers have failed to recover. Regional residents say duck shooting takes place too close to their homes and businesses, and it deters tourists.

The Andrews government has spent more than \$60m on hunting and shooting since 2014. Both parties should listen more carefully to voter priorities in 2022.

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