

Residents living in fear

GUNBOWER Creek resident Elizabeth Turner says illegal duck shooting in restricted areas has left many local residents fearful to leave their homes.

Since the extended duck shooting season commenced less than a fortnight ago, Ms Turner said she's faced many shooters within close proximity to her home, which sits less than 100m from the creek bed.

Describing the situation as "frightening and destabilising", Ms Turner said local residents have had enough, claiming some have even had pellets land on their roof.

"As morning dawns, gunshot blasts are heard from all directions," she said.

"It's loud and there's no respect for local residents."

She said she felt as though she was a prisoner in her own home.

"I'm very nervous and just keep to my house," she said.

"We don't know who is coming, at what time and when."

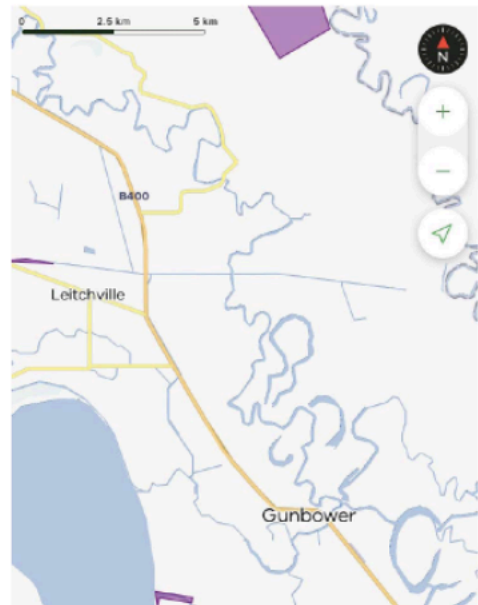
Ms Turner fears things will not improve until the season ends on June 13.

"Residents who have spent months in lockdown because of a virus are again restricted to their homes for fear of getting shot or faced with legal proceedings if stepping within 20m of a waterway during the duck season opening," she said.

Questioning the management controls in place, Ms Turner said more needed to be done to deter illegal shooters.

"Who is patrolling this? I've looked at the maps and my understanding is they should not be there," she said.

"It is obvious authorities are also ducking for cover as they are not game enough to patrol these waterways or follow up on complaints by residents."



Elizabeth Turner said duck shooters have been illegally hunting within close proximity to her home, which is not zoned as a hunting area.

