

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Question No: 2497

Asked by: Ms Fiona Patten (Northern Metropolitan)

Question:

To ask the Minister for Agriculture: In relation to recent stakeholder submissions on the 2020 duck hunting season: Why were five unsolicited submissions from duck shooters invited and accepted by the Game Management Authority when they were submitted past the submission closing date.

Reply:

I am advised that the following stakeholders were invited to provide written submissions to the Game Management Authority (GMA) as part of its considerations of the settings for the 2020 duck season:

- Field and Game Australia
- Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia (VIC)
- BirdLife Australia (VIC)
- RSPCA
- Animals Australia
- Shooting Sports Council of Victoria
- Coalition Against Duck Shooting
- Regional Victorians Opposed to Duck Shooting

The GMA considers a range of factors in developing its advice to government on the management of game species, including any changes to the prescribed duck season that it considers necessary in any given year. Detail on how the GMA informs decisions can be found here: www.gma.vic.gov.au/hunting/duck/duck-season-considerations.



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