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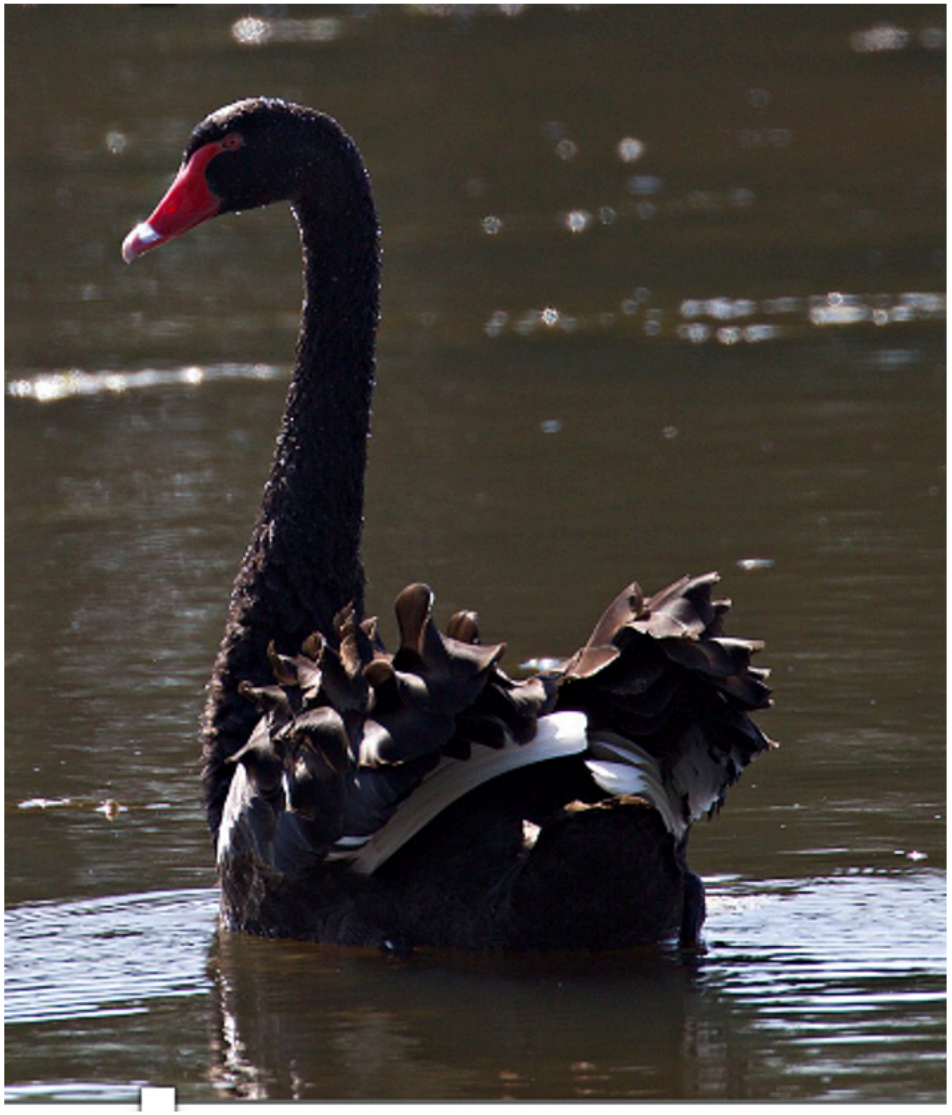
## End duck hunting

Matt Hewson's front page story in the *Geelong Independent* on Tuesday, January 13 ('Call to end duck hunt') sums up the concern that most members of the public have about blood sports and their impact on our treasured Victorian wildlife.

The most recent Animal Welfare Victoria Act has established that animals are sentient (they have feelings that can be impacted by positive and negative experiences), and agrees that they should have rights that protect them unnecessary harm.

Trent Leen wants to argue the point that it's habitat loss, not being shot from the sky, that is most risky for the birds.

To argue for the environment whilst supporting those that kill ducks, seriously limits the credibility of his argument.

I suggest that we give up finding excuses that prolong an unwanted duck season, and work together to leave these creatures in peace.

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