

Mayhem and massacre

THE Victorian Government has decreed that yet another duck shooting season will go ahead; another season of warfare on our waterbirds.

This despite the facts about the ongoing and serious decline in waterbird numbers including “game” ducks.

This despite the majority of Victorians being opposed to duck shooting.

Who benefits from this duck shooting season:

- It certainly isn't our waterbirds who are being treated with casual and shocking cruelty;

- It isn't regional towns and farming families or residents living close to waterways, rivers and wetlands where shooting is happening;

- It isn't our natural environment, and;

- It isn't the greater population of this state.

If shooters need to kill something, perhaps they might like to target the deer, rabbits, foxes and cats that are decimating our farming enterprises as well as our wildlife.

This, however, would mean proper skilled hunting, not just shooting sitting ducks.

Are the shooters capable?

So, Mr Andrews, just why is this season going ahead? Come clean.

Tell us, who has your government over this bloodstained barrel and why your government thinks it can ignore the scientific facts, the destruction of our valuable wildlife and environment and the wishes of the majority.

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