Victorian Recreational Hunting of Waterfowl

Key points to discuss when meeting with your MP

Recreational hunting of waterfowl is unsustainable.

- Native waterfowl populations, including game species, are experiencing a long-term decline.
- Waterfowl face a number of threats including the ongoing degradation and fragmentation of wetlands, the challenges of water management and increases in the frequency and severity of drought.
- Threatened and protected species are illegally killed and disturbed from hunting activities, including Freckled and Blue-billed Ducks, Australasian Bittern, Australian Painted Snipe and Brolga.

The general public oppose the recreational hunting of waterfowl.

- 75% of Victorians support a ban on the recreational hunting of waterfowl based on a 2007 Morgan Research Poll in 2007.
- Less than 0.4% of Victorians are licenced duck shooters.

There is a precedent for banning recreational hunting of waterfowl.

- Western Australia - 1990
- New South Wales – 1995
- Queensland – 2005