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TO: BARRY WILSON // JIM LANEAT: CRAWLEY // WOODVALEFROM: KEIRAN McNAMARADATE: 6/4/90NUMBER OF PAGES(INCL. LEADER): 3MESSAGE: WE NEED TO DISCUSS (MEET) SO
I CAN PREPARE REPLY

PLEASE CALL 09.3670422 IF THIS MESSAGE WAS ILLEGIBLE OR INCOMPLETE.



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On March 20 I met with representatives of the WA Field and Game Association (WAFGA) to discuss duck shooting. I made it clear to the representatives that I was personally opposed to duck shooting but that the final decision on whether there would be a 1991 duck shooting season would be taken in Cabinet. I will continue to receive information, advice and opinion until it is time for that decision to be made.

In discussion I offered WAFGA the opportunity to indicate if they wanted a decision now on the future of duck shooting or whether they would prefer to await the consideration of whether there should be a 1991 season. The Association agreed to inform me of its preference.

If the first option is preferred by the Association and I take it up with Cabinet a debate on the future of duck shooting would take place with a decision being made now which may obviate the need for a shooters "test". That debate may result in a decision to allow duck shooting depending on technical and scientific factors which would need to be made on a season by season basis.

Therefore as the future of duck shooting in general is problematical, I would suggest that it is not necessary to proceed with the cost and effort of developing a "test" at this time.

Meanwhile I would like the Department to further evaluate the cost and efficiency of the test used for the current season in Victoria and to seek legal opinion on whether there is sufficient power under the Wildlife Conservation Act to require duck shooters to pass a test before they can obtain a licence. If those powers do not exist I would like to know what amendments would be required to ensure that tests in this and other areas of licensing could be applied.

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I think it would be a positive move for CALM to assist the Field and Game Association to develop its own identification test which could be the major component in a voluntary training and identification program, operated by the Association. I am sure that the development of such a "test" by the Association, in cooperation with CALM, would not make such a demand on CALM's resources.

Could you please draft a response from me to the WAFGA incorporating the above position, and indicating the assistance CALM is able to give.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'BP' or 'Pearce'.

BOB PEARCE MLA
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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