

S. H. Lemby & Co.
Box 32 P.O.
Tambellup 6324

Dear Sir,

As we own property on either side of the Gordon River, between Peringillup West Rd & Poonawanning Rd we would like to apply to have this section of river proclaimed a duck sanctuary.

There are very few ducks around the area this year & some only hatched 2 weeks before now & these will undoubtedly be orphaned before the season closes.

If this area were closed to shooters it wouldn't take long to build up numbers again.

Hoping something can be done

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about this matter in the near future.

We know nothing can prevent shooters this season but if possible we would like to prevent it next year.

With the ducks so short we feel a closed season for 2 years would not do any harm in most areas.

Awaiting your reply.

Yours Sincerely
C. H. Lundy

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Supervising Wildlife Officer,
Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife,
108 Adelaide Terrace,
Perth..... W.A.

Your ref. 766/75 Attention Mr. Kilpatrick.

Request from Messrs. C.H. Temby & Co. of Broomehill to have a section of the Gordon River declared a wildlife sanctuary and closed to duck shooting:

I have to report having inspected the area of the Gordon River between Peringillup Siding south to Poonawariup Pool. This area is shown on litho 436/80, A I., and is located south of the Broomehill townsite.

A surveyed road (reserve 906) runs parallel to the river along this course. The road has not been made and it would appear to be extremely unlikely that it will ever be used as such.

The area including the road reserve and the river itself is quite narrow in most parts and seldom exceeds a few chain in width, however it is about 6 kilometres in length from the Peringillup Road to the Poonawariup Road, the section of river referred to in Mr. Tembys request.

Vegetation along the river includes quite reasonable stands of Whitegum, Jam, Yate, Paperbark and Casuarina. Some of these trees appear suitable for nesting waterfowl.

There is very little undergrowth on the higher ground and this consists only of quondong bushes and native and introduced grass. Samphire and salt flats occur close to the river and salt encroachment has taken a toll on vegetation in the lower areas.

In my opinion any further development along the river would be unwise.

Local shooters have been active but it is particularly hard to police this area. Waterfowl sighted were very flighty and showed obvious signs of recent disturbance.

Only a few grey teal, mountain duck, swan, grebes and musk duck were sighted although there were several good stretches of water.

Mr. Temby was not available for interview but I spoke with Mrs. Temby who claims that ducks do actually nest in the area. She further claims that to her knowledge other local residents wish the river to be closed to shooting.

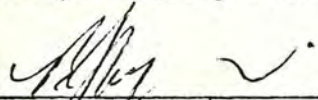
There does not appear to be any great numbers of shooters using the area but indications are that a few people do shoot there quite regularly. Mrs. Temby is of the opinion that the birds are being gradually deterred from the area by this regular shooting. Certainly there were not many birds present and, although I was unable to locate any waterbirds nesting, it is reasonable to assume that ducks and other waterbirds do nest in the area. Whether shooting does effect nesting of these birds or not is debatable and perhaps Dr. Riggert could comment in this regard.

Perhaps also Dr. Burbidge could comment on the value of this piece of land as a wildlife sanctuary with consideration to its awkward shape and size.

I would personally recommend that consideration be given to closing this area as there are numerous lakes and other open shooting areas around Katanning and private dams where hunters can shoot without disturbing nesting birds. Further, it is very difficult to retrieve wounded birds unless shot almost directly overhead because of the depth of water. A shooter would have to swim to retrieve birds falling in the water or on the other side of the river and no doubt some birds would escape injured to possibly die slowly.

In my opinion it is a matter of priorities. A shooter can at least travel to alternative hunting areas but suitable breeding areas for waterfowl are restricted.

Respectfully forwarded for your information and consideration.



District W/Officer.

Albany District Office,
8th March 1976.

Supervising Wildlife Officer,
Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife,
103 Adelaide Terrace,
Perth..... W.A.

Your ref. 766/75

Re proposed closure of section of the Gordon River to duck shooting.

I wish to advise having spoken to several shooters from the Katanning, Albany, and Denmark areas but to date none of these shooters use the section of river referred to. I have also spoken with Hon. Wildlife Officers at Katanning and Woodanilling but they are not aware of the shooters using this area.

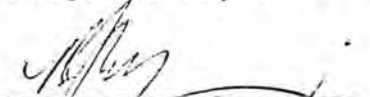
Hon. Wildlife Officer Cliff Haddleton advised of a local farming family believed to frequent the Gordon River but repeated attempts have failed to locate any persons at home.

Enquiries from C.H. Temby, owner of the adjoining property and through which the section of river flows, was unable to advise who the shooters were that use the area although most were believed to arrive in vehicles registered at Katanning.

You mentioned that you would contact Mr. Neville Beeck in regard to shooters from that area. Perhaps he can advise of the opinions of shooters known to him in that district.

I will continue with enquiries and advise if any objections to the proposal are received.

Respectfully forwarded.


District W/Officer.

Albany District Office,
29th November 1976.

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P.O. BOX 62

Broomehill Shire Council

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TO THE SHIRE CLERK

Broomehill, W.A. 21st December, 1976

OUR REF.

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The Director,
Department of Fisheries & Wildlife,
108 Adelaide Terrace,
PERTH, W.A. 6000.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter dated 15th October, but only just received by me, I have to inform you that my Council concurs with your wish not to allow duck shooting along the section of the Gordon river just south west of Peringillup.

Yours faithfully,

Sdg R.M. Moseley,
SHIRE CLERK.

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Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife
Box 152
MANJIMUP 6258

Your ref: 766/75

December 7, 1976

Conservator of Wildlife

PROPOSED CLOSURE TO DUCK SHOOTING - GORDON RIVER, BROOMEHILL
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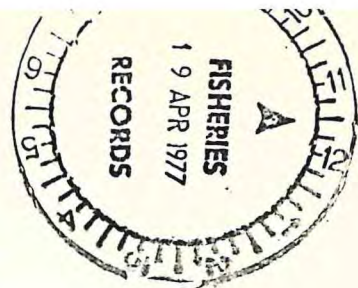
As requested in your memo, I have interviewed shooters in the Kojonup area regarding the mentioned area of the Gordon River and also carried out a brief inspection of the area to familiarize myself with the situation.

It would appear, from comments made by the seven people I approached in Kojonup, that the area is not frequented by Kojonup shooters.

J. E. Neal

(J.E. Neal)
DISTRICT WILDLIFE OFFICER

Supervising Wildlife Officer
Conservator of Wildlife
Dept of Fisheries & Wildlife
108 Adelaide Terrace
Perth. W.A. 6000



Sir,

Subject:- Closed Season for Duck Shooting - Gordon River

Further to Wildlife Officer R. Grayson's report dated November 29, 1976, I wish to advise that I visited this particular area on Saturday April 16, 1977 & the following details are forwarded for your information & consideration.

The proposal to have the section of the Gordon River closed was put forward by Mr. Klaus H. Lemby & his son Ross E. Lemby. I conversed with Mr. Ross Lemby regarding the proposal & his reasons for wanting this particular area closed. He informed me that both he & his father felt that due to narrowness of the River in this particular area & the cover offered to shooters the Ducks had no chance of survival, he also said that there were a small population of Kangaroos in the area & that he was concerned about the possibility of them being shot.

It would appear from what I was told that the shooters are mainly from Katanning & some are from the Metropolitan area, shooting as far as Mr. Lemby is aware has always been done during the open season.

An inspection of the proposed area was carried out & this revealed that there are at the present time two large main pools that are being used by Water Fowl & Waders.

The River as stated by Mr Lemby is very narrow & open with good shelter & cover on both sides for shooters, this shelter consists of Gale, Jam, She Oak, Paper Bark & River Gum with some shrub, species sighted were: 30 Grey Seal, 17 Mountain Duck, Banded Stilts & Dab Chicks, Twenty Egrets, Western Rosellas Magpies, Wagtails & Pardalotes were also sighted, the area which Messers Lemby wish to have closed is from the West Perungillup Road. to block 2244 on Loto 436/80. Mr Lemby said that he had discussed this with two of his neighbours: Mr John Parola resident farmer north of proposed closed area was in favour & Mr J. J. Simpson South of proposed area feels it would be a good idea to have the area closed. I called on both of these persons but neither was at home to offer further comments.

The Tambellup A.P.B. Officer Mr Gordon Bousens was interviewed also & he is very much in favour of the proposal

Mr Neville Beck of Kalanning is of the opinion that at the present time the area should not be closed.

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Comments.

It would appear that part of the proposed closed area is the Perungillup Townsite Reserve & this is the area mainly used by shooters. Local residents are of the opinion that it should be closed & shooters who shoot this particular area would no doubt oppose this move.

Recommendation

If possible I would suggest that the portion of the Perungillup Townsite Reserve from the West Perungillup Road & south to Loto 1258

& from the main Jambellup - Broomhill road west to Locn 1432 should be acquired & made a Game Reserve vested in the W. A. W. A. (The possibility of a Town ever being built in this area I feel are very remote.) & the area of the River south west of the Lownsite Reserve to Locn 2244 be closed to shooting at all times.

If it is possible to do this & we can get this area of land then I feel that both shooters & residents would be satisfied, the shooters would be able to shoot on the area mainly shot on at the present time & Water Fowl would be able to take refuge in the closed area to the south west.

The main concern as I see it is that the Water Fowl are harassed & shot at along the entire proposed closed area & if it is possible to do as I have suggested then I feel that it should prove satisfactory to all concerned & we will have obtained another Reserve

District Office
Albany

J. Wilson
Receiving W. O.
April 18, 1977

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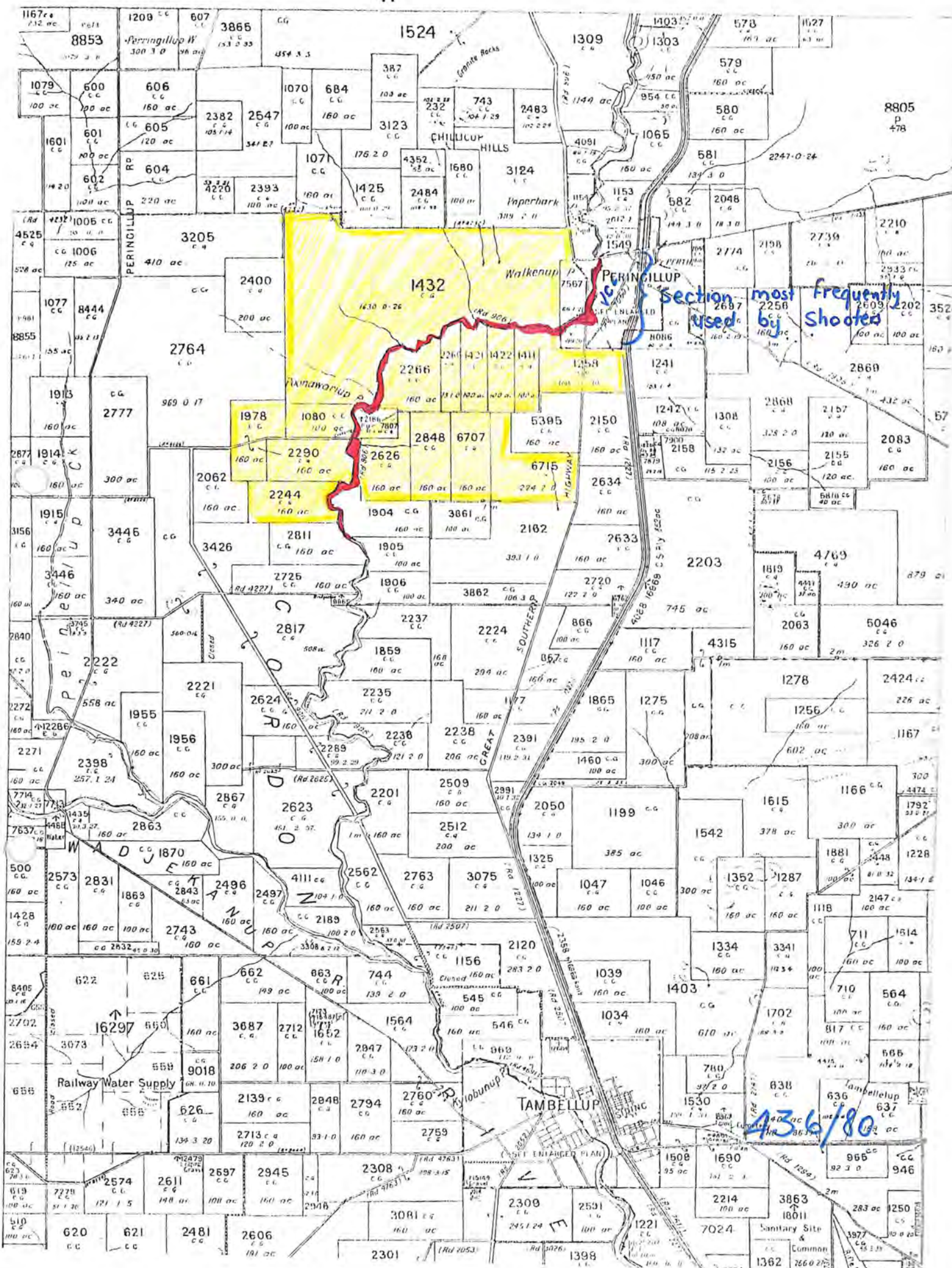
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APPLICATION BY C.H. TEMBY FOR PORTION OF THE GORDON
RIVER TO BE CLOSED TO DUCK SHOOTING - SUMMARY

Mr Temby applied on January 30, 1976, to have portion of Gordon River which adjoins his property, closed to duck shooting (see map attached).

The District Wildlife Officer inspected the area on March 8, 1976 and reported that the area in which shooting occurred was narrow, and included reasonable stands of Whitegum, Jam, Yate, Paperbark and Casuarina - which appeared suitable for nesting waterfowl. Local shooters had been active, and waterfowl sighted were very flighty, and showed signs of recent disturbance. Only a few Grey Teal, Mountain Duck, Swans, Grebes and Musk Duck were sighted, Mr Temby claimed that the area was used for breeding. The Wildlife Officer recommended that the area be closed to Duck shooting.

Att.



Section most frequently used by Shooters

436/80