

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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Legislation to ban recreational duck shooting will be introduced in State Parliament this year.

Premier Carmen Lawrence said today that the Wildlife Conservation Act would be amended to protect ducks, geese, quail and other prescribed species from recreational shooters.

She said the ban was in line with the State Government's policy on the protection of native birds.

Western Australia would be the first State to ban duck shooting.

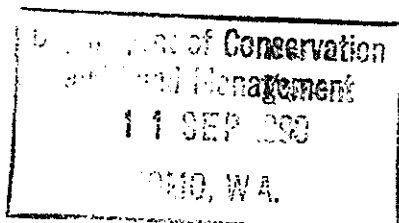
"I have made no secret of my opposition to shooting ducks for recreation," Dr Lawrence said.

"Duck shooting runs counter to the environmental sensitivity to which our community increasingly aspires.

"There is widespread opposition throughout the community to the cruelty and environmental damage caused by shooters.

"Evidence from previous seasons shows that injured ducks have been left to die, protected species have been shot and fragile wetlands have been polluted by lead and cartridges.

"Our community has reached a stage of enlightenment where it can no longer accept the institutionalised killing of native birds for recreation."



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## CABINET DECISION SHEET

TITLE OF CABINET MINUTE

4.1 AMENDMENT TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ACT TO BAN  
RECREATIONAL DUCK AND QUAIL SHOOTING

MINISTER(S) HON MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT  
(Pearce)

DATE OF  
MINUTE 24/8/90

### DECISION

CABINET approves:

1. The immediate drafting of a Bill to amend the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 to ban the recreational shooting of ducks, geese, quail and other prescribed species.
2. The Bill being introduced in the Spring 1990 Session of Parliament.
3. The repealing of the Wildlife Conservation Regulations governing recreational duck and quail shooting upon passage of the Bill.
4. The Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 being amended so that certain nature reserves are no longer classified as shooting or hunting areas.

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DATE OF DECISION 3/9/90

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FOR SPORT AND RECREATION; MID WEST; SOUTH WEST

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# CABINET SUMMARY SHEET

			OFFICE USE ONLY	
TITLE OF CABINET MINUTE			SUBMISSION NUMBER	COPY No.
Amendment to the Wildlife Conservation Act to ban recreational duck and quail shooting.				
MINISTER'S NAME, TITLE AND RELEVANT PORTFOLIO			DATE RECEIVED	
Hon Bob Pearce MLA, Minister for the Environment				
PURPOSE (Objective of proposal)				
To obtain approval for the immediate drafting of a Bill to amend the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 to ban recreational duck and quail shooting.				
ESTIMATED NET COST (OR REVENUE)-resulting from the proposal for the remainder of the current financial year, the next and following years. Savings and revenue to be designated by brackets.		CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR	NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR
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OTHER				
BUDGET PROVISION	SOURCE OF FUNDING			DATE OF PREVIOUS CABINET DECISION
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RELATION TO GOVERNMENT POLICY (GIVE REFERENCE) 1. 1989 Election Policy said "Labor has taken strong action to protect our native birds. Finch trapping & duck shooting have been banned." 2. 1989 State Platform said Labor would "prohibit the shooting or trapping of waterfowl in all wetland nature reserves."				
AGENCY AND SUPPORTING REASONS Legislation should proceed this year. Duck shooting arouses considerable public opposition & the issue should be finalised before December, when a decision on whether there will be an open season the next year would normally be announced.				
WHO HAS BEEN CONSULTED / EXTENT OF AGREEMENT REACHED				
RECOMMENDATION				
1. Cabinet approve the immediate drafting of a Bill to amend the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 to ban the recreational shooting of ducks, geese, quail and other prescribed species.				
2. The Bill be introduced in the Spring 1990 Session of Parliament.				
3. The Wildlife Conservation Regulations governing recreational duck and quail shooting be repealed upon passage of the Bill.				
4. The Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 be amended so that certain nature reserves are no longer classified as shooting or hunting areas.				
IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS				
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVAL		LEGISLATION REQUIRED		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW LEGISLATION
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENTS
ACTION REQUIRED BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT				
TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT				DATE
				26-8-90

# CABINET COMMENT SHEET

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SUBMISSION NUMBER

TO THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY OF THE CABINET,

SUBJECT OF CABINET SUBMISSION

AMENDMENT TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ACT TO BAN  
RECREATIONAL DUCK & QUAIL SHOOTING

SUBMITTED BY

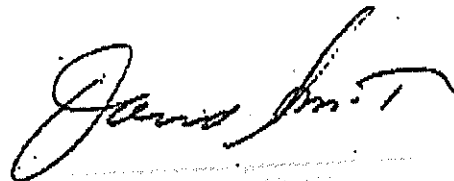
MINISTER FOR  
THE ENVIRONMENT

## COMMENTS

The Cabinet Minute is basically supported. However, there are periodic complaints from farmers in the lower south west that duck numbers on dams have built up to close to plague proportions. These claims are particularly intense following a period of shooting bans.

Any Legislation drafted should include a provision to allow the issue of special licenses to landholders where ducks or other prescribed species have built up to plague proportions. No such licences are to be issued without the applicant undergoing a species identification test.

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COMMENT SUBMITTED BY

MINISTER FOR THE SOUTH WEST

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