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WARNING FOR WILDFOWL

In June last, Honorary Warden Waverney Ford of Fremantle reported that many black swans and wild duck were being killed by crashing into a recently erected high tension cable intersecting their flight path between Bibra Lake and North Lake.

The matter was investigated and a report forwarded to the State Electricity Commission. The Commission proved most co-operative. A senior engineer accompanied the Department's Fauna Warden, Mr. F.A.L. Connell, to the site and made an inspection. Advice has since been received from the Commission that a measure recommended by Mr. Connell has been adopted. Aluminium discs treated with luminous paint will be suspended at intervals along the cable, and it is hoped that they will give the birds adequate warning of the new hazard in their established line of flight.