

AUSTRALIAN WATERFOWL COMMITTEE.

Ministerial approval has been received for this State's participation in the founding of a nation-wide committee on waterfowl. Proposals for the establishment of such a committee were first raised at the Australian fauna authorities' conference in Perth, in 1955, and final details were agreed to by delegates at the conference held in Sydney last November. The committee will function as a clearing-house of ideas and will provide a forum for discussion of the technical and biological problems encountered in waterfowl research in Australia. It will also plan and co-ordinate research activities of a national nature and act as an advisory body to formulate recommendations on policy for decisions by the States, either severally or at the biennial conference. This State's delegate on the committee will be the Research Officer, Mr. B.K. Bowen.