



ROY MORGAN DUCK SHOOTING POLL SHOT DOWN

Victorian shooters say a poll conducted by Roy Morgan Research in relation to whether duck shooting should be banned, was designed to be misleading.

The poll claims that up to 87% of Victorians think the sport should be banned.

However Mr Paterson said the poll was conducted for the Coalition Against Duck Shooting and animal rights group, Voiceless, which has caused the result to be bias.

"The questions they use were suggestive of answers, which is normally called 'push polling'", Mr Paterson said.

"In fact it is interesting to see that the Roy Morgan organisation has used Laurie Levy as a contact person for the media - Laurie is the spokesperson for the Coalition Against Duck Shooting, not Roy Morgan."

Mr Paterson also said the questions quoted statistics that are incorrect and wrongly suggested that duck shooting is banned in New South Wales .

"Contrary to the what the questions suggest, it is incorrect to say there are 80% less waterbirds across eastern Australia, and that one in four water birds shot are wounded. These are questions clearly written by someone with an agenda, rather than concerned about fact."

"Respondents to the 'poll' who supported duck shooting were then asked another question about the drought and climate change, which are environmental rather than ethical issues - clearly designed to get them to change their minds. Shooters have supported decisions not to have duck shooting when the conditions aren't right, as we saw in 2003 and again this year, so the question has nothing to do with the environmental aspect of the issue" he said.

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