



CFCV WELCOMES DUCK SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT - ALBEIT LATE

The Combined Firearms Council of Victoria says it welcomes the announcement by Environment Minister Gavin Jennings of a duck season this year.

“The announcement is a sensible one because it makes a reasonable recognition of the need for a balanced season,” said CFCV president Bill Paterson.

Duck shooting remained closed in Victoria in the past two years despite growing duck populations.

“Certainly a season for this year is welcome and I’m sure many shooters will have a good time, but we should aim to return to the practice of having the announcement made earlier, normally it is made before Christmas. This lead time is important because it enables firearm dealers and others who support duck shooters time to get ready for the season.”

Mr Paterson said the process for determining duck seasons is now attracting as much media attention as the actual opening.

“We are seeing is a continued push by extremists to shut it down. If they can’t stop the season, then they will certainly push for more and more limitations until it becomes redundant. Don’t forget, the Greens want it banned and we’re determined to make sure that doesn’t happen.”

“The Minister has made a good decision and took into account all the information available. We’re happy to have a season but need to make sure we see a return to full seasons as appropriate, announced further in advance.”

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