

# A fright for their lives

FLOCKS of birds were scared away from wetlands yesterday just days before the duck hunting season.

ALP Members Opposed to Duck Shooting hired a light plane to disturb ducks in Colac and Ballarat wetlands.

Spokesman Trevor Poulton declared the exercise a success.

"We managed to move quite a few birds this morning," he said.

"It is our hope that they will move over the border to New South Wales."

Mr Poulton said there was a lot of pressure building on the Bracks Government to ban duck shooting.

He said registered shooters made up

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only 2 per cent of voters in marginal seats and it was time the Government changed its policy.

"Hopefully it will be before the Commonwealth Games," Mr Poulton said.

He said a recent poll showed that 70 per cent of the public did not support duck shooting.

Field and Game Australia chief executive Rod Drew said the fly-over was just a publicity stunt and there was no scientific reason to ban duck hunting.

The season starts on Saturday.

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