

Ban call on duck shoot

THE Coalition Against Duck Shooting wants the Victorian Government to ban the recreational shooting of native water birds.

This comes after a move by shooting groups to seek help from a US ballistics expert to reduce the high wounding rates of shot birds.

Coalition Against Duck Shooting Campaign director Laurie Levy tagged the move by Victorian duck shooters as "desperate".

Mr Levy said the spray from shotgun pellets would always wound birds.

He said US ballistics expert Tom Roster recently told North American duck shooters that unless they reduced high wound rates, duck shooting would go the same way as it has in Australia.

The numbers of licensed duck shooters in Victoria has decreased from 95,000 in 1986 to around 20,000 today.

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