



Changes to the New South Wales National Parks & Wildlife

The NSW Parliament in November 1995 passed the *National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Game Bird Protection) Act*. This Act prohibited game bird shooting for sporting and recreational purposes and banned open duck seasons.

The *National Parks and Wildlife (Game Birds Protection) Act* amended the *National Parks and Wildlife Act* in the following way.

- Section 95 of the Act was repealed to prevent open seasons from being declared.
- A definition of game bird was included (game bird means a wild duck, wild goose or wild quail, or a bird of any species that the Governor, by order, declares to be a species of game bird for the purposes of the Act).
- Section 70 of the Act was amended to make it an offence to take or kill for sporting or recreational purposes game birds within a wildlife district, wildlife refuge, wildlife management area, conservation area wilderness area or area subject to a wilderness agreement.
- Section 98 of the Act was amended to make it an offence to take or kill for sporting or recreational purposes game birds that are unprotected fauna.