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Colourful protest to Deliver 500+ Anti Duck shooting Postcards 22nd February 2007

Members and supporters of Against Animal Cruelty Tasmania (AACT) the Tasmanian Conservation Trust (TCT) and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will today protest against the opening of Tasmania's Duck Shooting season in Hobart. The protest will be staged at **12:30p.m.** outside the Department of Primary Industries and Water offices on the corner of Macquarie and Murray Streets with protestors dressed in colourful vests and carrying giant windsocks and flags that will be used to scare away ducks from the shooter's guns on the wetlands.

Campaign to end Duck Shooting Co-ordinator for AACT, Chris Simcox stating:

We want to send a clear message to David Llewellyn that duck shooting is not a sport and the recreational shooting of ducks should be banned. Tasmania is falling behind on the animal welfare front with Queensland, Western Australia and New South Wales all having banned this barbarism.

The colorfully dressed protestors will be joined by a giant duck and a huge 3-metre banner that reads 'Ban Duck Shooting' and will be handing out flyers to passers-by as well as attempting to hand over more than 500 postcards to David Llewellyn MHA which have been collected from all over Tasmania calling for an end to the recreational shooting of ducks.

According to Alistair Graham the Director of the Tasmanian Conservation Trust:

Recent aerial surveys conducted by waterbird expert Professor Richard Kingsford of the University of New South Wales, showed duck numbers to be critically low across the Eastern states due to the drought. Professor Kingsford has recently stated publicly that, the long-term survival of some duck species will be placed at risk if this year's duck shooting season goes ahead in Tasmania. We call on the Minister to heed this vital message and cancel the season immediately.

Photo Opportunities Available

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