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### Short duck season still unsustainable

Tasmania's peak conservation group has today said that a shortened duck season is still an unacceptable and unsustainable response to the drought and stressed waterbird populations.

TCT Director Craig Woodfield said that this is the latest in a series of decisions made by the Minister which contrary to the advice of experts within his Department.

"The Minister cannot provide one single expert to support his decision to continue with the season."

"The only responsible reaction to the well-documented reduction in numbers and health of waterbirds this year is to cancel the season altogether. This is no longer just an animal welfare issue, it is a sustainable resource management issue."

Mr. Woodfield said that duck shooters who supported the season under these conditions had little credibility.

"South Australian duck shooters have accepted that there should be no season this year because of the impacts of the drought on waterbird populations. Tasmanian shooters obviously have no such qualms."

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