

## Media release

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### The government needs to come clean with voters

Volunteers have again filmed numerous breaches of animal welfare regulations at the start of the 2024 duck shooting season, according to South Aussies for Animals (SAFA).

“We filmed many wounded ducks, flapping frantically in the water, and were shocked by how often shooters made no attempt to kill them quickly and humanely, as required by permit conditions, “ said Dr Suzanne Pope, President of SAFA.

“There are always a few new people in our teams. They couldn’t believe the callousness of shooters’ behaviour, and that it went unobserved and unregulated by the authorities.”

Dr Pope expressed dismay that, in spite of graphic evidence from the 2023 and 2024 seasons, Labor MPs are still sending form letters to their constituents, claiming that all is well with duck shooting.

“This form letter claims that compliance with hunting season permit conditions is typically high, which gives members of the community a false impression,” said Dr Pope.

“Our videos from two seasons clearly show that **compliance with animal welfare conditions is typically poor.**”

Dr Pope concluded: “We are calling on all Labor MPs to inform themselves about the reality of duck shooting, and to stop sending out misleading information.”

SAFA has produced a video of some of the incidents at Lake George on March 16-7 2024.

See <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DyOHCmuWuBdv9QBIFWn5imkHELjYgK3R/view>

SAFA will lodge formal complaints today with the Department of Environment and RSPCA SA regarding the breaches of regulations that we filmed.

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