

FACT SHEET

Wildlife (Protection of Native Duck Species) Bill 2021

The *Wildlife (Protection of Native Duck Species) Bill 2021* amends the *Wildlife (General) Regulations 2010* to reclassify five native duck species from partly protected wildlife to protected wildlife, these species are –

- Chestnut Teal (*Anas castanea*)
- Grey Teal (*Anas gracilis*)
- Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*)
- Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck) (*Tadorna tadornoides*)
- Australian Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*)

Australian populations of native duck species are under pressure following periods of drought and bushfire, and Tasmania has been identified as a location of significant importance for Australia's native duck species in providing much needed breeding habitat.

This bill will see Tasmania join three other Australian jurisdictions, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia, in banning native duck hunting.