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Conservation and Hunting Alliance of South Australia Media Release.

Parliamentary Committee recommends that regulated game bird hunting to continue.

The Conservation and Hunting Alliance of South Australia supports the findings of the Review into Native Bird Hunting which has found that the recreational hunting of duck and quail is sustainable and should continue.

“We are pleased that the Committee has recognised the value of this traditional food gathering activity to both First Nations people and the wider community. The enormous conservation input of the hunting community has been recognised by the Review and we intend to build on that record,” said Mr. Graham Stopp, CHASA chairman.

CHASA recognises community concerns regarding animal welfare and is committed to working towards improving outcomes and alleviating concerns.

“Much of the concern regarding hunting stems from inaccurate unsubstantiated claims from animal welfare groups opposed to all forms of gathering traditional wild foods, including fishing. We can improve welfare outcomes through hunter education and modification of the Code of Practice and intend to so do so,” said Mr. Stopp.

This decision brings South Australia in line with the rest of the world.

“All countries that have abundant waterfowl and whose citizens have access to firearms has a regulated hunting season. In the three States in Australia that do not have a recreational season waterfowl are shot all year, 24/7 as pests in the thousands often during the breeding season. We believe that a regulated, sustainable hunting season where the ducks and quail are harvested for healthy, free-range food is a much better system,” he said.

CHASA affirms its commitment to work with Government and other conservation groups to improve conservation and welfare outcomes and commends the Committee on its hard work.

For further comment

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