



Attn: CEO
Shire of Gnowangerup

INFORMATION REGARDING MANAGED FAUNA AREAS

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is currently developing the Biodiversity Conservation Regulations under the new *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act).

The Department is reviewing the list of fauna species that can be taken without a damage licence and areas where those species can be taken. Under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*, these were referred to as 'Open Seasons,' and the areas were defined as 'Open Season Areas.' Under the BC Act, these are now being referred to as 'Managed Fauna' and 'Managed Fauna Areas.'

Following a review of the current 'Open Season Areas,' including taking into consideration communications on this issue with a number of local governments over the years, the following major changes are proposed for your local government area:

Birds

Species	Recommended Changes
Australian shelduck	Removed
Australia wood duck	Removed
Eastern long-billed corella	Added
Little crow	Removed

Note: Previously, 'Open Season Areas' were defined using a combination of LGA boundaries and Land Division boundaries. 'Managed Fauna Areas' are defined using only LGA boundaries. Therefore, there may be some minor changes where LGA boundaries and Land Division boundaries do not align.

Maps showing the areas for all proposed Managed Fauna can be found on the Department's website: <https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/plants-and-animals/biodiversity-conservation-act>

Note: As is the case under the Wildlife Conservation Act, there will continue to be restrictions that apply to managed fauna including prescribed methods for how these fauna may be taken or controlled.

If you require further information or wish to provide feedback, please email biodiversity@dbca.wa.gov.au by Monday, 16th July 2018