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**The Threat Comes from Extremists, Not Duck Hunters**

The International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH) has expressed disappointment at animal rights groups for targeting Officers within the South Australian Department of Environment and Heritage.

“It appears that anti-hunting extremists have tried to convince Rangers that monitoring duck hunting is a dangerous activity, when nothing could be further from the truth” explained WiSH Chairwoman Ms Samara McPhedran.

South Australia has a long tradition of duck hunting, with senior members of the Department of Environment and Heritage going on record to commend the responsible attitudes of duck hunters and acknowledge the significant contribution the major field hunting Associations have made, and continue to make, to wetlands conservation.

“It is really very sad that a handful of extremists are attempting to fabricate divisions between Rangers and hunters. This counterproductive and inappropriate action will achieve nothing,” said Ms McPhedran.

“The excellent track record of co-operation between Rangers and duck hunters speaks for itself. Despite all evidence to the contrary, a small number of individuals are wantonly conducting a dishonest scare campaign based upon ideology rather than facts,” Ms McPhedran finished.

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