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SELECT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE VICTORIA'S NATIVE BIRD HUNTING ARRANGEMENTS

Over the past number of years, the issue of recreational native bird hunting in Victoria has become increasingly contested.

Given deeply held views on the subject, the Andrews Labor Government will move to establish a Legislative Council Select Committee to examine recreational native bird hunting in Victoria.

The committee will have wide-ranging terms of reference, including the operation of the annual recreational native bird hunting seasons, arrangements in other Australian jurisdictions, their environmental sustainability and impact on amenity, and their social and economic impact.

The committee will hold public hearings to hear from hunting associations, animal welfare groups, and regional communities.

The motion to establish the committee will be moved by the Government in the Legislative Council during the next sitting week, and subject to its passage, a final report will be due to be tabled by 31 August 2023.