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Dear Minister D'Ambrosio.

I am writing to you about the plight of platypuses being drowned in 'opera nets' recently in a farm dam in West Gippsland. The nets were found with 5 dead platypuses which is around half of the entire population of the area where the dam and creek are located.

Platypus is a 'protected' species but how can they be safe when these nets are being sold and used?

We need to change the legislation to make these nets illegal to use on private land and to sell. Without responsible leadership on environmental issues and protection what hope does our protected wildlife have?

I have also write to the suppliers of such nets but we need to legislate as well.

Yours sincerely,

Eve Kelly