

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
WATERING AUTHORISATION #1
VEWH OFFICE 2018-19
RIVER MURRAY

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder authorises use of water from the Water Holdings in accordance with section 33DD of the *Water Act 1989*.

1. PURPOSE

This authorisation enables water from the Water Holdings to be used to maintain connectivity and nutrient cycling, provide habitat and spawning cues for native fish, enhance native vegetation, provide habitat for waterbirds, turtles and frogs in the River Murray, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*. This authorisation also authorises use of return flows at downstream sites along the River Murray.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This authorisation is valid from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another watering authorisation or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

The VEWH Office is authorised to use up to 400,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the River Murray.

This water is made available by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA094003, ABA043265) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with the decision communicated by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder through the *Commonwealth Watering Schedule – 2018-19 Victorian Murray*, executed on 21 June 2018.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19* and the provisions of the entitlement.

This authorisation is subject to:

- (a) consultation with Victorian Environmental Water Holder to ensure the availability of sufficient water in the Water Holdings to which this statement applies
- (b) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's *Barmah Forest Seasonal Watering Proposal 2018-2019 (VEWH Addendum)*, Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Lindsay-Mulcra-Wallpolla Icon Site (2018-19)* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*
- (c) VEWH Office agreement that appropriate risk management is being undertaken for delivery to non-Victorian sites.

Execution

Executed on 21 June 2018

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Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 20 June 2018.