

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #5 FOR
WIMMERA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2018-19
BURNT CREEK, MACKENZIE RIVER, MOUNT WILLIAM CREEK, RANCH BILLABONG
WIMMERA RIVER

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder makes the following seasonal watering statement under section 33DY of the *Water Act 1989*.

Purpose

This seasonal watering statement authorises Wimmera Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to provide fish habitat, maintain water quality and improve riparian and instream vegetation condition in the Wimmera and MacKenzie rivers, Burnt and Mount William creeks and the Ranch Billabong consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*.

Duration of APPROVAL

The seasonal watering statement is valid from 20 March 2019 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Authorisation to use the Water Holdings

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 9,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Wimmera and MacKenzie rivers, Burnt and Mt William creeks and the Ranch Billabong.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Wimmera and Glenelg Rivers Environmental Entitlement 2010* (ABA085416 or ABA100769) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 4.3 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19* and the provisions of the entitlement.

This seasonal watering statement supersedes *Seasonal Watering Statement #3* and the total volume authorised includes water used under *Seasonal Watering Statement #3* between 1 January 2019 and 20 March 2019.

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 and the appropriate allocation bank account to order water from
- (b) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Wimmera Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal for the Wimmera River System 2018-19* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*
- (c) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement in accordance with the *Guidelines for reporting on the management of the Water Holdings*.

Execution

Executed on 20 March 2019

by 

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 20 March 2019.