

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR
GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2017-18
GOULBURN RIVER

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

1. PURPOSE

This seasonal watering statement authorises Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to increase native fish populations and native vegetation, maintain the form of the river bank and channel and provide habitat and food for macroinvertebrates in the Goulburn River, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return from the Goulburn River at downstream sites along the River Murray.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 4 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 80,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Goulburn River.

This water is made available by the Murray Darling Basin Authority and can be used under the *Environmental Entitlement (Goulburn System – Living Murray) 2007* (ABA064375, ABA064376 and ABA064377) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with a decision by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority communicated through an email to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on 3 July 2017.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.4.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18* 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 and the appropriate allocation bank account to order water from
- (b) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's *Goulburn River Seasonal Watering Proposal 2017-2018* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*
- (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 4 July 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denis Flett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a stylized 'F'.

by

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Under delegation by the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.