

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR
MELBOURNE WATER 2019-20
YARRA RIVER, YERING BACKSWAMP AND BANYULE BILLABONG

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 Melbourne Water to use water from the Water Holdings to achieve environmental and functional watering objectives in the Yarra River, Yering Backswamp and Banyule Billabong, specified in section 3.2 the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

Melbourne Water is authorised to use up to 20,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Yarra River, Yering Backswamp and Banyule Billabong.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Yarra Environmental Entitlement 2006* (ABA063365) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in Table 3.2.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20* 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) endorsement of delivery plans for Yering Backswamp and Banyule Billabong by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plans
- (c) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
- (d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Melbourne Water's *Yarra River (Birrarung) Seasonal Watering Proposal 2019/20* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20*
- (e) 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 26 June 2019

by 

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 19 June 2019