

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #5 FOR**  
**GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2019-20**  
**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 achieve environmental and functional watering objectives in the Goulburn River, specified in section 5.4.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return flows from the Goulburn River at downstream sites along the River Murray.

**2. DURATION OF APPROVAL**

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 26 September 2019 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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**

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 468,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Goulburn River.

This seasonal watering statement supersedes *Seasonal Watering Statement #1 for Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority* and the total volume authorised includes water used under *Seasonal Watering Statement #1 for Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority* between 1 July 2019 and 25 September 2019.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and can be used under the *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (ABA093999, ABA094000), the *Goulburn (NVIRP Stage 1) Environmental Entitlement 2013* (ABA088037) and the *Environmental Entitlement (Goulburn System – Living Murray) 2007* (ABA064375, ABA064376 and ABA064377), held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes:

- up to 350,000 ML committed by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in accordance with its decision communicated through the *CEWO-VEWH Watering Schedule – Goulburn River system for 2018-19 to 2020-21*, executed on 21 June 2018.
- up to 88,000 ML committed by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority in accordance with the recommendation of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee made on 30 May 2019.
- up to 30,000 ML of water committed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered to the Goulburn River consistent with the potential watering actions specified in Table 5.4.1 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 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 *Seasonal Watering Proposal 2019/2020* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20*.
- (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 26 September 2019



by

**Beth Ashworth**, Co-Chief Executive Officer Victorian Environmental Water Holder  
Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder  
made on 23 September 2019