

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER  
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR  
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2017-18  
BRICKWORKS BILLABONG, CARDROSS LAKES, KOORLONG LAKE, LITTLE  
HEYWOOD LAKE, CARINA BEND WETLANDS, J1 CREEK, LAKE HAWTHORN,  
LIPAROO WEST, NEDS CORNER EAST AND CENTRAL, NYAH FLOODPLAIN,  
VINIFERA FLOODPLAIN, YUNGERA WETLAND**

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 Mallee Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to maintain water levels to support threatened fish, vegetation growth and habitat for waterbirds at Brickworks Billabong, Cardross Lakes, Koorlong Lake, Little Heywood Lake, Carina Bend Wetlands, J1 Creek, Lake Hawthorn, Liparoo West, Neds Corner East and Central, Nyah Floodplain, Vinifera Floodplain and Yungera Wetland, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*.

**2. DURATION OF APPROVAL**

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

**3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS**

Mallee Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 8,850 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the 12 wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA043419, ABA068154, ABA043265, ABA068158) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.2.5 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) endorsement of a delivery plan for individual wetlands listed in Schedule 1 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 Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Lower Murray Wetlands* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*.

- (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 22 June 2017



by

**Denis Flett**, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 21 June 2017.

**SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES**

<b>Wetland name</b>	<b>Volume (ML)*</b>
Brickworks Billabong	500 <sup>#</sup>
Cardross Lakes	500 <sup>#</sup>
Koorlong Lake	150 <sup>#</sup>
Little Heywood Lake	600
Carina Bend Wetlands	1,000
J1 Creek	450
Lake Hawthorn	1,500
Liparoo West	400
Neds Corner East and Central	250
Nyah Floodplain	2,000
Vinifera Floodplain	1,200
Yungera Wetland	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,850</b>

\* Water use per site may be varied in consultation with the VEWH, but the total volume authorised must not be exceeded.

<sup>#</sup> Full year demand