

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT # 5 FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2017-18
HATTAH LAKES

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 improve the condition of black box trees at Hattah Lakes, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return flows from Hattah Lakes 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 4 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Mallee Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 10,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings at Hattah Lakes.

This water is made available by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA062294, ABA065283 and ABA043408) 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 5.2.4 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 Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Hattah Lakes Icon Site 2017-18* 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 'F'.

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.