

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2017-18
BARMAH FOREST WETLANDS

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 support successful breeding of colonial nesting and flow dependent waterbirds in Barmah Forest, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 November 2017 to 31 March 2018, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 12,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Barmah Forest.

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 (ABA086322, ABA094003)* and the *Environmental Entitlement (River Murray – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012 (ABA088038)* held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.2.1 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 *Barmah Forest Seasonal Watering Proposal 2017-2018 (VEWH Addendum)* 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 24 October 2017

by



Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 18 October 2017.