

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
WATERING AUTHORISATION #3
VEWH OFFICE 2017-18
BARMAH FOREST

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder authorises use of water from the Water Holdings in accordance with section 33DD of the *Water Act 1989*.

1. PURPOSE

This authorisation enables water from the Water Holdings to be used to maintain connectivity and nutrient cycling, provide habitat and spawning cues for native fish, enhance native vegetation, provide habitat for waterbirds, turtles and frogs in the Barmah Forest, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*. This watering authorisation also authorises use of return flows below the Barmah choke at downstream sites along the River Murray.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This authorisation is valid from 8 November 2017 to 1 January 2018, unless superseded by another watering authorisation or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

The VEWH Office is authorised to use up to 24,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Barmah Forest.

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* (ABA043398, ABA062295, ABA091243, ABA043407, ABA043408, ABA062294 & ABA065283) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with an email authorisation from the Murray-Darling Basin Authority on 7 November 2017.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the provisions of the entitlement.

This authorisation is subject to:

- (a) transfer of water from the Murray Darling Basin Authority.
- (b) VEWH Office agreement that appropriate risk management is being undertaken.

Execution

Executed on 8 November 2017

by



Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Under delegation by the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.