

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT # 13 FOR**  
**NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2018-19**  
**JOHNSON SWAMP**

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 North Central Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to minimise the growth of tall marsh vegetation and provide feeding and breeding habitat for waterbirds Johnson Swamp consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*.

**2. DURATION OF APPROVAL**

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 4 March 2019 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

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

North Central Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 1,500 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Johnson Swamp.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the following entitlements held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder:

- *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA043265, ABA094002 and ABA068158)
- *Environmental Entitlement (River Murray – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012* (ABA088036 and ABA088039)

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.2.3 and 5.7.2 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19* and the provisions of the entitlement, including access to return flows.

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 Johnson Swamp by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plan
- (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 the North Central Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Loddon Murray Wetlands 2018-19* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*.

- (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 4 March 2019

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'.

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

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 4 March 2019.