

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT # 9 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 blackbox 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 13 October 2017 to 30 June 2018, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 125,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings at Hattah Lakes.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA043265, ABA068158, ABA062294, ABA065283, ABA043408 and ABA065905) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes:

- up to 75,000 ML of water committed by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in accordance with its decision communicated through the *CEWO Watering Schedule – Hattah 2017-18*, executed on 26 June 2017
- up to 44,300 ML of water committed by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority in accordance with its decision communicated through and email to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on 3 July 2017
- up to 4,000 ML of water committed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

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 seasonal watering statement supersedes *Seasonal Watering Statement #8*. The total volume authorised includes water used under:

- *Seasonal Watering Statement #4* between 1 July 2017 and 5 September 2017
- *Seasonal Watering Statement #5* between 4 July 2017 and 5 September 2017
- *Seasonal Watering Statement #8* between 6 September 2017 and 12 October 2017.

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 13 October 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Hocking', written in a cursive style.

by

Geoff Hocking, Acting Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 13 October 2017.