

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER

WATERING AUTHORISATION #1

VEWH OFFICE 2019-20

RIVER MURRAY, BARMAH FOREST AND LINDSAY MULCRA WALLPOLLA ISLAND

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 achieve environmental and functional watering objectives in the River Murray, Barmah Forest and Lindsay Mulcra Wallpolla Island, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20*. This authorisation also authorises use of return flows at downstream sites along the River Murray.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This authorisation is valid from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another watering authorisation or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 511,373 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the River Murray, Barmah Forest and Lindsay Mulcra Wallpolla Island.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA094003, ABA043265, ABA105075, ABA102506, ABA062294, ABA091243, ABA107185, ABA107193 and ABA062295) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes;

- Up to 450,000 ML made in accordance with the decision communicated by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder through the *Commonwealth Watering Schedule – 2019-20 Victorian Murray*, executed on 25 June 2019.
- up to 55,700 ML of River Murray Increased Flows and up to 5,673 ML of Living Murray water made in accordance with the recommendation of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee on 30 May 2019

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20* and the provisions of the entitlement.

This authorisation is subject to:

- (a) transfer of water from the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder
- (b) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's *Barmah-Millewa Forest Seasonal Watering Proposal 2019-2020 (VEWH Addendum)*, Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Lindsay-Mulcra-Wallpolla Icon Site 2019-20* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20*
- (c) VEWH Office agreement that appropriate risk management is being undertaken for delivery to non-Victorian sites.

Execution

Executed on 25 June 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denis Flett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

by

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 19 June 2019.