

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT # 2 FOR
WEST GIPPSLAND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2018-19
MACALISTER RIVER

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 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to increase the range and population size of native fish, improve vegetation communities within the river channel and in the riparian zone, to increase the abundance and number of waterbugs and to maintain the form of the river bank and bed in the Macalister River, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder under the *Macalister River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (ABA066319 and ABA068024) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered to the Macalister River consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 2.4 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19* 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 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal for the Macalister River System 2018-19* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*
- (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 21 June 2018

by 

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 20 June 2018.