

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT # 1 FOR**  
**WEST GIPPSLAND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2018-19**  
**THOMSON 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 protect and increase populations of native fish, to scour silt build-up within the river bed to improve the quality of in-stream habitat and to increase recruitment and growth of native riparian vegetation in the Thomson 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 *Bulk Entitlement (Thomson River – Environment) Order 2005* (ABA063364) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered to the Thomson River consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 2.3 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
- (b) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal for the Thomson 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.