

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #5 FOR
GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2018-19
GOULBURN 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 Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to increase native fish populations and native vegetation, maintain the form of the river bank and channel and provide habitat and food for macroinvertebrates in the Goulburn River, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return from the Goulburn River at downstream sites along the River Murray.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 6 July 2018 to 31 December 2018, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 46,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Goulburn River.

This water is made available by the Murray Darling Basin Authority and can be used under the Environmental Entitlement (Goulburn System – Living Murray) 2007 (ABA064374, ABA064375, ABA064376 and ABA064377) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with an email from the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on 3 July 2018.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.4.1 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 Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's *Goulburn River Seasonal Watering Proposal 2018-2019* 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 06 July 2018

by

Denis Flett

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Under delegation by the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.