

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
WATERING AUTHORISATION #4
VEWH OFFICE 2017-18
RIVER MURRAY

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 increase habitat for native fish and support successful breeding of waterbirds consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*. This watering authorisation also authorises use of return flows below the Barmah choke at downstream sites along the River Murray.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This authorisation is valid from 15 December 2017 to 30 June 2018, unless superseded by another watering authorisation or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 75,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the River Murray.

This water is made available for use used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with the decision of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee made on 5 October 2017.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the provisions of the entitlement.

This authorisation is subject to:

- (a) GMW agreement of the volume of RMIF available.
- (b) VEWH Office agreement that appropriate risk management is being undertaken.

Execution

Executed on 15 December 2017

by



Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 13 December 2017.