

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #8 FOR
GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
2018-19 (BOALS DEADWOOD, TOP ISLAND – VEWH)

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder makes this seasonal watering statement under section 33DY of the *Water Act 1989*.

1. PURPOSE

This seasonal watering statement authorises Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to apply or use water from the Water Holdings to achieve environmental outcomes in Boals Deadwood and Top Island wetland, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

The seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use or apply up to 20,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Boals Deadwood and Top Island wetlands in Barmah Forest.

The water is made available for use under the Barmah-Millewa Forest Environmental Water Allocation component of the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999*, the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999 (ABA086322, ABA094003, ABA068157)* and the *Environmental Entitlement (River Murray – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012 (ABA088038)* held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered to Barmah Forest consistent with the priority watering actions specified in section 5.2.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19* and the provisions of the entitlements.

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 the risk management section of the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority & NSW Office of Environment and Heritage *Barmah-Millewa Forest Seasonal Watering Proposal 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*
- (d) coordination of watering actions where complementary statements exist in consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Execution

Executed on 13 December 2018

By 

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 12 December 2018.