

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2019-20
REEDY LAGOON, LITTLE GUNBOWER WETLAND COMPLEX, GREEN SWAMP,
CORDUROY SWAMP, LITTLE REEDY LAGOON

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 North Central Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to achieve environmental and functional watering objectives in Reedy Lagoon, Little Gunbower Wetland Complex, Black Swamp, Green Swamp, Corduroy Swamp and Little Reedy Lagoon, specified in section 5.2.2 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return flows from Gunbower Forest at downstream sites along the River Murray.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

North Central Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 12,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA062294, ABA043408, ABA065283, ABA065905, ABA105075, ABA043265).

This authorisation is made in accordance with the recommendation of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee made on 30 May 2019.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in Table 5.2.3 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20* 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) endorsement of a delivery plan by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plan
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Gunbower Forest and Gunbower Creek 2019-20* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20*

(d) 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 26 June 2019

By 

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Upon decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 19 June 2019.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Reedy Lagoon	1,000
Little Gunbower Wetland Complex	3,500
Green Swamp, Corduroy Swamp, Little Reedy Lagoon	6,000
Waterbird breed contingency	1,500**
Total	12,000

* Water use per site may be varied in consultation with the VEWH, but the total volume authorised must not be exceeded.

** An additional 1,500 ML waterbird breeding contingency volume has been included to support a waterbird breeding event if required within any of the wetlands specified in Schedule 1.