

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
2014-15 (GUNBOWER CREEK AND FOREST – VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL
WATER HOLDER & LIVING MURRAY)

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 apply or use water from the Water Holdings to achieve environmental outcomes in Gunbower Creek and Forest consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2014-15*.

2. DURATION OF AUTHORISATION

The seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2014 to 31 December 2014, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 or apply up to a total of 46,896 ML of water from the Water Holdings at Gunbower Creek and Forest.

This water is made available for use under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA043265, ABA091243, ABA062294, ABA062295, ABA065905 and ABA068154) and the *Environmental Entitlement (River Murray – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012* (ABA08838 and ABA08839) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder. Of the total water available, 15,896 ML is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and 31,000 ML by the Living Murray program.

The authorisation is made in accordance with approval provided by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority on 15 May 2014.

Water is to be delivered to Gunbower Creek and Forest consistent with the priority watering actions specified in section 5.1.2 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2014-15* and the provisions of the entitlement including access to River Murray unregulated flows.

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) the conditions of a delivery plan endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder, relating to the watering actions to which this statement applies
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in section 5.1.2 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2014-15* and the endorsed delivery plan

- (d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement in accordance with to the current *Guidelines for reporting on the management of the Water Holdings*
- (e) coordination of watering actions where complementary statements exist in consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Execution

Executed on 27 June 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denis Flett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'F'.

by

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 27 June 2014.