

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #5 FOR
GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2017-18
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 2017-18*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return flows from the Goulburn River at downstream sites along the River Murray.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 06 March 2018 to 30 June 2018, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 353,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Goulburn River.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (ABA093999, ABA094000) and the *Goulburn (NVIRP Stage 1) Environmental Entitlement 2013* (ABA088037) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes:

- up to 300,000 ML of water committed by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in accordance with its decision communicated through the *CEWO-VEWH Watering Schedule – Goulburn River for 2017-18*, executed on 27 June 2017.
- up to 53,000 ML of water committed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.4.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18* and the provisions of the entitlement.

This seasonal watering statement supersedes Seasonal Watering Statement #2 and the total volume authorised includes water used under Seasonal Watering Statement #2 between 1 July 2017 and 05 March 2018.

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 2017-2018* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*

- (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 March 2018

by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denis Flett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 21 February 2018.