

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR**  
**WEST GIPPSLAND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2019-20**  
**THOMSON RIVER AND HEYFIELD WETLANDS**

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 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to achieve environmental and functional watering objectives in the Thomson River and Heyfield wetlands, specified in section 2.3 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20*.

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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder under the *Bulk Entitlement (Thomson River – Environment) Order 2005 (ABA063364)* held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered to the Thomson River and Heyfield wetlands consistent with the potential watering actions specified in Table 2.3.1 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
- (b) endorsement of a delivery plan for Heyfield wetlands 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 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal watering proposal for the Thomson River system 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 the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 19 June 2019.