

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
2014-15 (HATTAH LAKES & MULCRA ISLAND – VICTORIAN RETURN FLOWS)

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 Mallee Catchment Management Authority to apply or use water from the Water Holdings to achieve environmental outcomes in the Hattah Lakes and Mulcra Island consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2014-15*.

2. DURATION OF AUTHORISATION

The seasonal watering statement is valid from 15 August 2014 to 31 December 2014, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Mallee Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use or apply water from the Water Holdings at Hattah Lakes and Mulcra Island, subject to the availability of return flows from the Campaspe system and Broken Creek.

This water is made available for use under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999 (ABA043265)* held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered to Hattah Lakes and Mulcra Island consistent with the priority watering actions specified in sections 5.1.4 and 5.1.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2014-15* and the provisions of the entitlement, including access to return flows.

This authorisation is complementary to:

- Mallee Catchment Management Authority Seasonal Watering Statement #3 (Mulcra Island – Victoria Unregulated)
- Mallee Catchment Management Authority Seasonal Watering Statement #2 (Hattah Lakes – Victorian Environmental Water Holder, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Living Murray)
- North Central Catchment Management Authority Seasonal Watering Statement #1 (Campaspe River – Victorian Environmental Water Holder)
- Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority Seasonal Watering Statement #2 (Lower Broken Creek – Victorian Environmental Water Holder).

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) 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 5.1.4 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 15 August 2014

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

by

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 11 August 2014.