

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2017-18
CAMPASPE 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 the North Central Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to sustain adult river red gums and increase the growth of new plants, to maintain and increase the cover of in-stream and riparian plants, to protect and increase populations of native fish within the river system, to help native fish recolonise the river, to maintain platypus populations, to provide connection along the length of the Campaspe River and River Murray, to increase diversity and biomass of waterbugs and to prevent poor water quality eventuating in the Campaspe River, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return flows from the Campaspe River at downstream sites along the River Murray.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 4 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

The North Central Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use water made available by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority under the *Environmental Entitlement (Campaspe River – Living Murray Initiative) 2007* (ABA062296, ABA043411) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's decision communicated through an email to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on 3 July 2017.

Water is to be delivered to the Campaspe River consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18* 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) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority *Seasonal Watering Proposal - Campaspe River downstream of Eppalock Reservoir 2017/18* 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 4 July 2017

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

by

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 21 June 2017.