VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT # 11 FOR MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2014-15

(BRIDGE CREEK, BULLOCK SWAMP, WOORLONG WETLANDS, - VICTORIAN AND COMMONWEALTH)

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 Bridge Creek, Bullock Swamp and Woorlong Wetlands consistent with the Seasonal Watering Plan 2014-15.

2. DURATION OF AUTHORISATION

The seasonal watering statement is valid from 3 November 2014 to 30 June 2015, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 up to 1,898 ML of water from the Water Holdings at sites listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available for use under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA043419 and ABA068154) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder, and includes water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

The authorisation is made in accordance with the decision communicated by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder through a *Commonwealth Environmental Water Office Watering Schedule – Mallee wetlands 01*, executed on 13 August 2014.

Water is to be delivered to five sites listed in Schedule 1 consistent with the priority watering actions specified in section 5.1.5 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2014-15*, the provisions of the entitlement and the conditions of 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 5.1.5 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*.

Execution

Executed on 3 November 2014

Denis Flett

by

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 29 October 2014.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES FOR FIVE WETLANDS

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Bridge Creek	233
Bullock Swamp	1040
Woorlong Wetlands	625
TOTAL	1,898

^{*}Water use to all sites may vary, in consultation with the VEWH, but the total authorised volume must not be exceeded.