

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #11 FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2017-18
HIRD SWAMP, LAKE ELIZABETH, LAKE MURPHY, MCDONALDS SWAMP, ROUND
LAKE, LITTLE LAKE MERAN

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 North Central Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to maintain water levels to support threatened fish, vegetation growth and habitat for waterbirds at Hird Swamp, Lake Elizabeth, Lake Murphy, McDonalds Swamp, Round Lake and Little Lake Meran consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 5 February 2018 to 30 June 2018, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

North Central Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 3,900 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the six wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the following entitlements held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

- *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA043265, ABA094002 and ABA068158)
- *Environmental Entitlement (River Murray – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012* (ABA088036 and ABA088039)
- *Bulk Entitlement (Loddon River – Environmental Reserve) Order 2005* (ABA067057, ABA043412 and ABA093407)
- *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (ABA067058).

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.2.3 and 5.7.2 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18* and the provisions of the entitlements.

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 accounts to order water from
- (b) endorsement of a delivery plan for individual wetlands listed in Schedule 1 by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plans
- (c) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
- (d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in the North Central Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Loddon Murray Wetlands 2017-18* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18*.

- (e) 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 5 February 2018



by

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 5 February 2018.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Hird Swamp	1,000
Lake Elizabeth	700
Lake Murphy	700
McDonalds Swamp	600
Round Lake	400
Little Lake Meran	500
Total	3,900

* Water use per site may be varied in consultation with the VEWH, but total volume authorised must not be exceeded.