

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR**  
**WIMMERA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2018-19**  
**BURNT CREEK, MACKENZIE RIVER, MOUNT WILLIAM CREEK, RANCH BILLABONG,**  
**WIMMERA 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 Wimmera Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to provide fish habitat, maintain water quality and improve riparian and instream vegetation condition in the Wimmera and MacKenzie rivers, Burnt and Mount William creeks and Ranch Billabong, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*.

**2. DURATION OF APPROVAL**

The seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2018, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

**3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS**

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 7,600 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Wimmera and MacKenzie rivers, Burnt and Mt William creeks and Ranch Billabong.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Wimmera and Glenelg Rivers Environmental Entitlement 2010* (ABA085416 or ABA100769) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 4.3 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19* 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) endorsement of a delivery plan for Ranch Billabong 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 Wimmera Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal for the Wimmera River System 2018-19* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*

(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 21 June 2018

by 

Denis Flett, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 20 June 2018.