

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3A FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2021-22
HATTAH LAKES

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 use water from the Water Holdings in Hattah Lakes to achieve environmental objectives and expected water effects specified in section 5.2.4 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22* and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises the use of return flows from Hattah Lakes at downstream sites along the Murray River.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 9 November 2021 to 30 June 2022, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 up to 47,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings at Hattah Lakes.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (allocation accounts 043265, 094002, 068158, 068154, 108632, 108633, 108634, 105075, 043408, 065905) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes:

- up to 32,000 ML committed by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in accordance with its decision communicated through the *Commonwealth Watering Schedule – 2021-22 Hattah-Kulkyne Lakes* executed on 2 August 2021
- up to 34,000 ML committed in accordance with a decision of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee communicated to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder via an email sent on 8 July 2021
- up to 31,500 ML committed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with Table 5.2.10 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*.

This seasonal watering statement supersedes *Seasonal Watering Statement #3 for Mallee Catchment Management Authority 2021-22* and the total volume authorised includes water used under that seasonal watering statement between 5 August 2021 and 8 November 2021.

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 account to order water from
- (b) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Hattah Lakes Icon Site 2021-22* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*
- (d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 9 November 2021



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 9 November 2021.