

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #5B FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2021-22
BOORT WETLANDS: LAKE LEAGHUR, LAKE BOORT, 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 at Lake Leaghur, Lake Boort and Lake Meran to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.7.2 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*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 10 December 2021 to 30 June 2022, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

North Central Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 13,300 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the three wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (Loddon River – Environmental Reserve) Order 2005* (allocation accounts 067057, 043412, 093407, 043413), *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation account 067058) and the *Environmental Entitlement (Goulburn System – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012* (allocation account 088041) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.7.3 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 #5A for North Central Catchment Management Authority 2021-22* and the total volume authorised includes water used at the sites listed in Schedule 1 under:

- *Seasonal Watering Statement #5 for North Central Catchment Management Authority 2021-22* between 1 July 2021 and 4 August 2021
- *Seasonal Watering Statement #5A for North Central Catchment Management Authority 2021-22* between 5 August 2021 and 9 December 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) 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 and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*
- (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 North Central Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Loddon Murray Wetlands 2021-22* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*.
 - (e) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 10 December 2021



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 8 December 2021.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Lake Leaghur	1,000
Lake Meran	7,800
Lake Boort	4,500
Total	13,300

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