VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER

SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #15 FOR

NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2020-21

REEDY LAGOON, LITTLE REEDY WETLAND COMPLEX

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 Reedy Lagoon and Little Reedy wetland complex to achieve environmental and functional watering objectives specified in section 5.2.2 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan* 2020-21 and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan* 2020-21. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return flows from the Gunbower Forest at downstream sites along the Murray River.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 20 April 2021 to 30 June 2021, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 4,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the two wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (allocation account 062294, 043408, 065905, 107193) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with a decision of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee communicated to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder via an email on 26 March 2021.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.5 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2020-21* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2020-21*.

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) endorsement of a delivery plan(s) (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
(d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central CMA's *Seasonal Watering Proposal – Gunbower Forest and Gunbower Creek 2020-21* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2020-21*

(e) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution
Executed on 20 April 2021

by

Andrew Sharpe, Executive Manager Planning and Delivery, Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Under delegation by the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	**Volume (ML)***
Reedy Lagoon	1,000
Little Reedy wetland complex	3,000
Total	**4,000**

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