

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #7A FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CMA 2021-22
GUNBOWER FOREST

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 CMA to use water from the Water Holdings at Gunbower Forest to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.2 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 22 December 2021 to 31 March 2022, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 CMA is authorised to use up to 22,700 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Gunbower Forest.

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 accounts 062294, 043408, 065905, 107193, 108632, 068158, 043265, 108634, 108633, 094002) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes:

- up to 17,700 ML of water committed in accordance with decisions of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee and communicated to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder via email on 13 July 2021, 15 July 2021 and 10 September 2021.
- Up to 5,000 ML of water committed 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 5.2.5 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 #7 for North Central CMA 2021-22* and the total volume authorised includes water used under that seasonal watering statement between 20 July 2021 and 22 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) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering

- (c) endorsement of a delivery plan 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*
- (d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central CMAs *Seasonal Watering Proposal for Gunbower Forest and Gunbower Creek 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 22 December 2021



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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 22 December 2021.