

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR**  
**NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2022-23**  
**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 Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings at Gunbower Forest to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.3 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23* and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return flows from Gunbower Forest at downstream sites along the Murray River.

**2. DURATION OF APPROVAL**

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2022 to 28 February 2023, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 75,500 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 043265, 094002, 068158, 108634, 108633, 108632, 062294, 043408, 065905, 107193) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes water committed:

- in accordance with a decision of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee communicated to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder via an email on 28 June 2022.
- 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 5.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*.

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 plan and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*

- (d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority's *Gunbower Forest and Gunbower Creek Seasonal Watering Proposal 2022-23* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*
- (e) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

**Execution**

Executed on 30 June 2022

by 

**Sarina Loo**, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Environmental Water Holder  
Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder  
made on 22 June 2022.