

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #6 FOR
GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2022-23
BARMAH FOREST WETLANDS – BOALS DEADWOOD, HARBOURS LAKE, REEDY
LAGOON AND TOP ISLAND

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 Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in Barmah Forest wetlands to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.2 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*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 21 December 2022 to 31 March 2023, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 14,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the 4 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 accounts 068157, 086322, 094003, 102506, 108630, 091243, 107185, 043398, 062295), and clause 10 and schedule 6 of the entitlement held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is 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 19 December 2022.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.3 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 for the 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 2022-23*
- (d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's *Barmah-Millewa Forest Seasonal Watering*

Proposal 2022-2023 (VEWH Addendum) 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 21 December 2022



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 7 December 2022

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Boals Deadwood	9,000 ML
Harbours Lake	1,000 ML
Reedy Lagoon	1,000 ML
Top Island	3,000 ML
Total	14,000 ML

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