

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR**  
**NORTH EAST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2022-23**  
**OVENS RIVER AND KING RIVER**

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 East Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in the Ovens River and King River to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.3 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*.

**2. DURATION OF APPROVAL**

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 22 March 2023 to 30 June 2023, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

**3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS**

North East Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 215 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Ovens River and King River

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (and includes donations from the Taungurung Land and Water Council and private donors) and can be used from allocation accounts 108339 and 108340 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 5.3.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*. The potential watering actions authorised are those that are denoted as tier 1a in Table 5.3.2 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) 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 East Catchment Management Authority's *Lower Ovens River 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 22 March 2023



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 22 March 2023.