

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR**  
**MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2021-22**  
**LOWER MURRAY WETLANDS**

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 Mallee Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings at Bidgee Lagoons, Brickworks Billabong, Koorlong Lake, Lake Hawthorn, and Robertson Creek, to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects as specified in section 5.2.5 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

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

Mallee Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 3,650 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the five 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* (ABA043419, ABA068154, ABA068158, ABA108632) 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 5.2.12 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*. The potential watering actions authorised are denoted as tier 1 in Table 5.2.13 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*.

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 bank account to order water from
- (b) endorsement of delivery plans 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
- (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 Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal: Lower Murray Wetlands 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 21/06/2021

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 16 June 2021

**SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES**

<b>Wetland name</b>	<b>Volume (ML)*</b>
Bidgee Lagoons	750 <sup>#</sup>
Brickworks Billabong	250 <sup>#</sup>
Koorlong Lake	150 <sup>#</sup>
Lake Hawthorn	1,500 <sup>#</sup>
Robertson Creek	1,000 <sup>#</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,650</b>

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

# Full year demand