

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #7 FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2021-22

**CRANKHANDLE, FINNIGANS CREEK, LINDSAY-MULLAROO CONNECTOR, SCOTTIES
BILLABONG, STOCKYARDS, WALLPOLLA HORSESHOE, WETLAND 33**

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 Crankhandle, Finnigans Creek, Lindsay-Mullaroo Connector, Scotties Billabong, Stockyards, Wallpolla Horseshoe and Wetland 33 to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.6 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 02/08/2021 to 30 June 2022, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 3,350 ML of water from the Water Holdings at the seven 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 065905, 043408, 062294 and 107193) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with a decision of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee and communicated to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder via an email on 7 July 2021.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.15 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 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) 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) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Lindsay Mulcra Wallpolla Icon Site 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 02/08/2021



By Andrew Sharpe, Executive Manager Planning and Delivery, Victorian Environmental Water Holder. Under delegation by the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Crankhandle	800
Finnigans Creek	800
Lindsay Mullaroo Connector	300
Scotties Billabong	200
Stockyards	800
Wallpolla Horseshoe	400
Wetland 33	50
Total	3,350

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