

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1A 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 Brickworks Billabong, Burra Creek North, Burra Creek South, Burra Creek South Proper, Koorlong Lake, Lake Hawthorn and Nyah Floodplain to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 5,295 ML of water from the Water Holdings in 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 043419, 068154, 068158, 108632) 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*.

This seasonal watering statement supersedes *Seasonal Watering Statement #1 for Mallee Catchment Management Authority 2021-22* and the total volume authorised includes water used under that seasonal watering statement between 1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021.

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 a delivery plan(s) (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 and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*
- (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 Murray Wetlands* 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 10 December 2021



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 8 December 2021

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Brickworks Billabong	250 [#]
Burra Creek North	320
Burra Creek South	1000
Burra Creek South Proper	75
Koorlong Lake	150 [#]
Lake Hawthorn	1500 [#]
Nyah Floodplain	2000
Total	5,295

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

[#] Full year demand