

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR
WIMMERA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2022-23
WIMMERA SYSTEM AND RANCH BILLABONG

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 Wimmera Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in the Wimmera System and Ranch Billabong to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 4.3 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 19 October 2022 to 30 June 2023, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 11,490 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Wimmera System and Ranch Billabong.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Wimmera and Glenelg Rivers Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation accounts 085416 and 100769) 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 4.3.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*.

This seasonal watering statement supersedes Seasonal Watering Statement #2 for the Wimmera Catchment management Authority 2022-23 and the total volume authorised includes water used under that seasonal watering statement between 1 July 2022 and 19 October 2022.

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) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Wimmera Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal for the Wimmera River System 2022-23* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*
- (c) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 19/10/2022



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 19 October 2022.