

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #8 FOR**  
**NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2021-22**  
**GUNBOWER CREEK**

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 Central Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in Gunbower Creek to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.2 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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**

North Central Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 16,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Gunbower Creek.

This water is made available by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (allocation accounts 043265, 068158, 108632) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes:

- Up to 16,000 ML committed by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in accordance with its decision communicated through the *Commonwealth Watering Schedule – 2018-19 to 2022-23 Gunbower Creek, executed on 21 June 2018*.
- Up to 16,000 ML committed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder<sup>1</sup>

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.5 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) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Gunbower Forest*

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<sup>1</sup> 16,000 ML committed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder is to access unregulated flows which become available opportunistically and on advice of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.

*and Gunbower Creek 2021-22 and in line with section 1.3.6 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*

- (d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

**Execution**

Executed on 30/06/2021



by

Dr 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.