

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1A FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2022-23
LOWER MURRAY WETLANDS: CATFISH BILLABONG, KOORLONG LAKE AND LAKE
HAWTHORN

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 Catfish Billabong, Koorlong Lake and Lake Hawthorn to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.6 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Mallee Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 2,550 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the three 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, 043265, 094002, 108634, 108633) 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 5.2.14 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 #1 for Mallee Catchment Management Authority 2022-23* and the total volume authorised includes water used under that seasonal watering statement between 1 July 2022 and 31 December 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) 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 and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*
- (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 *Murray Wetlands Seasonal Watering Proposal 2022-23* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*

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

Execution

Executed on 08/12/2022



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 7 December 2022.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Catfish Billabong	900
Koorlong Lake	150 [#]
Lake Hawthorn	1500 [#]
Total	2,550

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

Full year demand