

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR
WIMMERA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2024-25

**WIMMERA SYSTEM: WIMMERA AND MACKENZIE RIVERS, BURNT, BUNGALALLY AND
MOUNT WILLIAM CREEKS, RANCH BILLABONG AND DOCK LAKE**

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 and MacKenzie rivers, Burnt, Bungalally and Mount William creeks, Ranch Billabong and Dock Lake to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 4.3 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25* and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 22,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Wimmera and Mackenzie rivers, Burnt, Bungalally and Mount William creeks and at Ranch Billabong and Dock Lake.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

- Water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder can be delivered under the provisions of the *Wimmera and Glenelg Rivers Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation accounts 085416 and 100769).
- Water made available by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder can be delivered as regulated releases from Taylors Lake and Lake Lonsdale under the *2012 Deed of Supply by Agreement* between the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water. Under the *CEWO-VEWH-WCMA Watering Schedule – Wimmera 2022-23 to 2026-27* between Wimmera CMA, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Victorian Environmental Water Holder, Wimmera CMA is authorised to order the delivery of water made available by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

All water is to be delivered in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 4.3.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25*.

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 for Ranch Billabong by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plan
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Wimmera Catchment Management Authorities' *Seasonal Watering Proposal for the Wimmera River System 2024-25* and in line with section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25*

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

Execution

Executed on 26/06/2024

by 

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 25 June 2024.