

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR**  
**MELBOURNE WATER 2021-22**

**YARRA RIVER, PLENTY RIVER, ANNULUS BILLABONG, BOLIN BOLIN BILLABONG  
AND YERING BACKSWAMP**

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 Melbourne Water to use water from the Water Holdings in the Yarra River, Plenty River, Annulus Billabong, Bolin Bolin Billabong and Yering Backswamp to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 3.2 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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**

Melbourne Water is authorised to use up to 36,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Yarra River, Plenty River, Annulus Billabong, Bolin Bolin Billabong and Yering Backswamp

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Yarra Environmental Entitlement 2006* (allocation account 063365) 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 3.2.1 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
- (b) endorsement of delivery plans for Annulus Billabong, Bolin Bolin Billabong and Yering Backswamp by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plans
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Melbourne Water's *Seasonal Watering Proposal 2021/22 Yarra River, Tarago and Bunyip Rivers, Maribyrnong River and Werribee River Environmental Entitlements* 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 23/06/2021

by 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.