

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #5 FOR**  
**NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2022-23**  
**BOORT WETLANDS: LAKE BOORT, LAKE LEAGHUR AND LITTLE LAKE MERAN**

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 at Lake Boort, Lake Leaghur and Little Lake Meran to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.7.2 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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**

North Central Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 7,000 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 (Loddon River – Environmental Reserve) Order 2005* (allocation accounts 067057, 043412, 093407 and 043413, and unregulated flows under clause 6f of the bulk entitlement), *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation account 067058) and *Environmental Entitlement (Goulburn System – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012* (allocation account 088041) 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 5.7.3 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 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 North Central Catchment Management Authority's *Loddon River System and Boort 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 27/06/2022



by

**Kathryn Roosje**, Team Leader – Planning and Reporting, Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 22 June 2022.

**SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES**

<b>Wetland name</b>	<b>Volume (ML)*</b>
Lake Boort	5,000
Lake Leaghur	600
Little Lake Meran	1,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,000</b>

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