VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #5 FOR NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2023-24 PYRAMID 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 the Pyramid Creek to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.7.1 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24 and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.2.8 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 6,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Pyramid Creek.

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 043265, 094002, 068158, 108634, 108633, 108632) 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 5.7.1 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24 or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.2.8 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24.

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) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority's Loddon River system and Boort wetlands Seasonal Watering Proposal 2023-24 and in line with section 1.2.7 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24
- (d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.



Execution

Executed on 23/06/2023

by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 22 June 2023.

