VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #2 FOR MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2024-25 LOWER MURRAY WETLANDS

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 Bidgee Lagoons, Bottle Bend Wetlands, Brickworks Billabong, Bridge Creek (includes Bridge Creek wetland), Brown Swamp (Pound Bend), Bullock Swamp North, Burra Creek North, Burra Creek South, Burra Creek South Proper, Koorlong Lake, Lake Carpul, Lake Hawthorn, Lake Powell, Neds Corner Floodplain, Neds Corner Lagoon, Nyah Floodplain, Old Tip Wetland, Outlet Creek (Karadoc Swamp) and Vinifera Floodplain to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.6 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Mallee Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 14,275 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the 19 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, 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 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 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 1.2.7 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25
- (c) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder



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

Execution

Executed on 25/06/2024



by

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

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Bidgee Lagoons	250
Bottle Bend Wetlands	350
Brickworks Billabong	400
Bridge Creek (includes Bridge Creek	1,580
wetland)	
Brown Swamp (Pound Bend)	850
Bullock Swamp North	1,200
Burra Creek North	320
Burra Creek South	1,075
Burra Creek South Proper	
Koorlong Lake	150
Lake Carpul	2,300
Lake Powell	
Lake Hawthorn	1,500
Neds Corner Floodplain	250
Neds Corner Lagoon	
Old Tip Wetland	
Nyah Floodplain	2,000
Outlet Creek (Karadoc Swamp)	850
Vinifera Floodplain	1,200
Total	14,275

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