

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #5 FOR
GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2022-23
LOWER BROKEN 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 Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in the lower Broken Creek to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.5.2 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*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return flows from the lower Broken Creek at downstream sites along the Murray River.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 50,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the lower Broken Creek.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion order 1999* (allocation accounts 094003 and 068157) and the *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation account 094000) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with a decision by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder communicated through the *CEWO Watering Schedule – Lower Broken Creek system for 2018-19 to 2022-23*, executed on 21 June 2018.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.5.3 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) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Goulburn Broken CMA's *Seasonal Watering Proposal – Lower Broken Creek 2022-23* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*

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

Execution

Executed on 29 June 2022

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 22 June 2022.