

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2024-25
HATTAH LAKES

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 in Hattah Lakes for:

- achievement of environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.5 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25*
- emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25*
- testing Hattah Lakes pumps following maintenance and repair activities.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 21 August 2024 to 30 June 2025, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 11,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings at Hattah Lakes, of which:

- Up to 10,000 ML is authorised to be used for achievement of environmental objectives and expected watering effects, or emergency watering
- Up to 1,000 ML is authorised to be used for pump testing.

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, 043408, 062294, 065283, 065905, 107193) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes water committed in accordance with a decision of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee communicated to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder via an email on 21 August 2024.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with Table 5.2.12 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 a delivery plan by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigation strategies in the endorsed delivery plan and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25*

- (c) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 21 August 2024



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 20 August 2024.