

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #5 FOR
GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2024-25
GOULBURN RIVER

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 Goulburn River to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.4.1 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 190,100 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Goulburn River.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Environmental Entitlement (Goulburn system – Living Murray) 2007* (allocation accounts 064374, 064375, 064377, 107184 and 107190) 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 25 June 2024.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.4.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25*. The potential watering actions authorised are those that are denoted as tier 1 in Table 5.4.2 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) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal – Goulburn River – 2024-25* and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25*
- (d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 28 June 2024

by 

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Under delegation by the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.