Variation to the Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25

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## 5.4.2 Goulburn wetlands

Amended text in tables 5.4.3 and 5.4.4 shown in red.

**Table 5.4.3** Potential environmental watering actions, expected watering effects and associated environmental objectives for the Goulburn wetlands

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| **Potential environmental watering action** | **Expected watering effects** | **Environmental objectives**  |
| **Gaynor Swamp (top up in spring)** | * Provide breeding habitat for waterbirds
* Provide feeding and roosting habitat for waterbirds
 | B1 B2 |
| **Horseshoe Lagoon (fill in autumn 2025 if swamp is dry for 6 months)****A white spiral on a green circle  Description automatically generated**  | * Inundate the deeper section and wetland margin to maintain naturally occurring wetland vegetation communities and help recently planted aquatic vegetation continue to establish
* Suppress the growth of weeds
* Provide food and breeding habitat for turtle populations
* Provide food and roosting habitat for birds
 |  T1A white plant with leaves on a green background  Description automatically generated V1 V2 B2 |



**Table 5.4.4** Potential environmental watering for the Goulburn wetlands system under a range of planning scenarios

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| **Planning scenario** | **Drought** | **Dry** | **Average** | **Wet** |
| **Expected conditions** | * Catchment run-off and natural flow into the wetlands are highly unlikely
 | * Catchment run-off and natural flow into the wetlands are highly unlikely
 | * Some catchment run-off and natural flow into some of the wetlands are likely, particularly in winter/spring
 | * Catchment run-off and natural flow into the wetlands are likely to fill or partially fill the wetlands, particularly in winter/spring
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| **Potential environmental watering – tier 1 (high priorities)** | * Gaynor Swamp
* Horseshoe Lagoon

  | * N/A

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| **Potential environmental watering – tier 2 (additional priorities)** | * N/A
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| **Possible volume of water for the****environment required to achieve objectives** | * ~~120 ML~~
* 620 ML

  | * ~~120 ML~~
* 620 ML

  | * ~~80 ML~~
* 580 ML

  | * N/A

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| **Priority carryover requirements for 2025-26** | * N/A
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