

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**WATERING AUTHORISATION #6**  
**VEWH OFFICE 2018-19**  
**RIVER MURRAY**

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder authorises use of water from the Water Holdings in accordance with section 33DD of the *Water Act 1989*.

**1. PURPOSE**

This authorisation enables water from the Water Holdings to be used to maintain connectivity and habitat for native fish in the River Murray channel and anabranches, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*. This watering authorisation also authorises use of return flows at downstream sites along the River Murray.

**2. DURATION OF APPROVAL**

This authorisation is valid from 29 April 2019 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another watering authorisation or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

**3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS**

The VEWH Office is authorised to order the release of up to 34,500 ML of water from the Water Holdings made available by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to the River Murray channel and anabranches.

This water is made available by the Murray Darling Basin Authority and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA105075, ABA102506, ABA062294 and ABA091243) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes:

- Up to 20,500 ML of River Murray Increased Flows
- Up to 14,000 ML of water committed under the Living Murray Program

This authorisation is made in accordance with email authorisation from the Murray-Darling Basin Authority on 18 April 2019.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in sections 5.2.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19* and with the provisions of the entitlement.

This authorisation is subject to:

- (a) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's *Barmah Forest Seasonal Watering Proposal 2018-2019 (VEWH Addendum)* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*
- (b) VEWH Office agreement that appropriate risk management is being undertaken.

**Execution**

Executed on 29 April 2019

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denis Flett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a stylized 'F'.

**Denis Flett**, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

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