

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2018-19
BRICKWORKS BILLABONG, BURRA CREEK NORTH, BURRA CREEK SOUTH, BURRA
CREEK SOUTH (PROPER), CARDROSS LAKES, KOORLONG LAKE, LAKE
HAWTHORN, NYAH FLOODPLAIN, VINIFERA FLOODPLAIN, YUNGERA WETLAND

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 to maintain water levels to support threatened fish, vegetation growth and habitat for waterbirds at Brickworks Billabong, Burra Creek North, Burra Creek South, Burra Creek South (Proper), Cardross Lakes, Koorlong Lake, Lake Hawthorn, Nyah Floodplain, Vinifera Floodplain and Yungera Wetland, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2018, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 5,950 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the 10 wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

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* (ABA043419, ABA068154, ABA068158) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.2.5 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19* and the provisions of the entitlement.

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 bank account to order water from
- (b) endorsement of a delivery plan for individual wetlands listed in Schedule 1 by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plans
- (c) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
- (d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Lower Murray Wetlands* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*.
- (e) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement in accordance with the *Guidelines for reporting on the management of the Water Holdings*.

Execution

Executed on 21 June 2018

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

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 20 June 2018.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Brickworks Billabong	250 [#]
Burra Creek North	200
Burra Creek South	800
Burra Creek South (Proper)	50
Cardross Lakes	1,000
Koorlong Lake	150 [#]
Lake Hawthorn	1,500 [#]
Nyah Floodplain	1,000
Vinifera Floodplain	800
Yungera Wetland	200
Total	5,950

* Water use per site may be varied in consultation with the VEWH, but the total volume authorised must not be exceeded.

[#] Full year demand