

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT # 4 FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2018-19
LINDSAY RIVER, MULCRA HORSESHOE, MULLAROO CREEK, POTTERWALKAGEE
CREEK, SNAKE LAGOON, WEBSTERS LAGOON

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 improve spawning and migration opportunities for fish and provide habitat for wetland birds in the Lindsay River, Mulcra Horseshoe, Mullaroo Creek, Potterwalkagee Creek, Snake Lagoon, and Websters Lagoon, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 water made available by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999 (ABA043265)* held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with a decision by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder communicated through the *Commonwealth Watering Schedule – 2018-19 Victorian Murray*, executed on 21 June 2018.

Water is to be delivered to the Lindsay River, Mulcra Horseshoe, Mullaroo Creek, Potterwalkagee Creek, Snake Lagoon, and Websters Lagoon, consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.2.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19* and the provisions of the entitlement.

Water delivery will be undertaken in combination with weir pool manipulation activities at locks 7 and 8 of the River Murray, coordinated by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. Water use associated with these activities will be determined at the conclusion of the weir pool manipulation and be met by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

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
- (b) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Lindsay-Mulcra-Wallpolla Icon Site 2018-19* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2018-19*.

(c) 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.