

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #8 FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2018-19
GUNBOWER CREEK

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 North Central Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to increase survival and recruitment of native fish populations by providing year-round flows in Gunbower Creek, 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

North Central Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 28,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Gunbower Creek.

This water is made available by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and can be used 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 the decision communicated by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder through the *Commonwealth Watering Schedule – 2018-19 to 2022-23 Gunbower Creek*, executed on 21 June 2018.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.2.2 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2017-18* 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
- (b) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Gunbower Forest and Gunbower Creek 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.