

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2018-19
WIMMERA-MALLEE WETLANDS – SUPPLY SYSTEM 5

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 the health of vegetation communities, including black box, aquatic plants and lignum, provide drought refuge and a watering point for animals, including waterbirds, frogs, turtles and land based animals in the Wimmera-Mallee wetlands listed in Schedule 1, 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2018, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 18 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the three wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available for use under the ABA096926 held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 4.4 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
- (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 Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Wetlands 2018-19* 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)*
Cokum Bushland Reserve	4**
Considines	8**
Poyner	3
Total	15

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

**Full year demand