

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
WIMMERA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2018-19
WIMMERA-MALLEE WETLANDS

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 Wimmera 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

The seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 51 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the 11 wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Wimmera and Glenelg River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (ABA085417) 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 the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal for the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Wetlands Wimmera CMA Region 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 13 December 2018

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

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 12 December 2018.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Carapugna	1
Challambra Swamp	1
Crow Swamp	1
Fieldings Dam	5
Harcoans Swamp	8
Mutton Swamp	6
Opies Dam	4
Pinedale	1
Schultz/Koschitzke	7
Tarkedia Dam	9
Wal Wal Swamp	8
Total	51

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