

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR
MELBOURNE WATER 2018-19
BUNYIP RIVER, TARAGO RIVER

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 Melbourne Water to use water from the Water Holdings to protect and boost native fish populations, provide habitat and food for macroinvertebrates and provide habitat for platypus in the Tarago and Bunyip rivers, 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Melbourne Water is authorised to use water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder under the *Tarago and Bunyip Rivers Environmental Entitlement 2009* (ABA063356) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered to the Tarago and Bunyip rivers consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 3.3 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) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in the Melbourne Water *Tarago Seasonal Watering Proposal 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