

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR**  
**MELBOURNE WATER 2018-19**  
**YARRA 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 improve the vegetation in the river channel and on the river bank, to protect and increase populations of native fish, to maintain the form of the river bank and bed, to protect waterbug communities and to improve water quality in the Yarra River, 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 up to 22,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Yarra River.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Yarra Environmental Entitlement 2006* (ABA063365) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 3.2 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 Melbourne Water's *Yarra 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.