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 achieve environmental and functional watering objectives in the Loddon River, Tullaroop Creek and Serpentine Creek, specified in section 5.7.1 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 18 October 2019 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 3,883 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Loddon River, Tullaroop Creek and Serpentine Creek.

This water is made available by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the Bulk Entitlement (Loddon River – Environmental Reserve) Order 2005 (ABA043413) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with a decision by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder communicated through the CEWO-VEWH Watering Schedule for the Loddon River System 2019-20 to 2023-24, executed on 9 October 2019.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in Table 5.7.1 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20 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 and the appropriate allocation bank account to order water from
(b) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
(c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority’s Seasonal watering proposal Loddon River system 2019-20 and in line with section 1.3.6 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20
(d) 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 18 October 2019

by

Beth Ashworth, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 19 June 2019.