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 for maintenance of pumping infrastructure at Hattah Lakes.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL
This seasonal watering statement is valid from 17 February 2020 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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
Mallee Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 1,929 ML of water from the Water Holdings at Hattah Lakes.

This water is made available by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and can be used under the Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999 (ABA043408, ABA062284 and ABA065095) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with a decision by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority communicated through an email to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on 2 December 2019.

Water is to be delivered consistent with Table 5.2.7 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) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Mallee Catchment Management Authority’s Seasonal Watering Proposal Hattah Lakes Icon Site 2019-20 and in line with section 1.3.6 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20
(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 17 February 2020

by

Sarina Loo, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Under delegation by the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.