

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #2A FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2023-24
GUNBOWER CREEK

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 in the Gunbower Creek to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.3 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24* and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 6 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 21,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Gunbower Creek.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and the Commonwealth Environmental Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement River Murray – Flora and Fauna Conversion Order 1999* (allocation accounts 043265, 068158, 108632) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes water committed:

- By the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in accordance with a decision by communicated through the *CEWH-VEWH Watering Schedule – Gunbower Creek 2023-2028*, executed on 5 July 2023.
- By the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24*.

This seasonal watering statement supersedes *Seasonal Watering Statement #2 for North Central Catchment Management Authority 2023-24* and the total volume authorised includes water used under that seasonal watering statement between 1 July 2023 and 5 July 2023.

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 account to order water from
- (b) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (c) endorsement of a delivery plan by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plan and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24*

(d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 6 July 2023



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 22 June 2023.