

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2023-24
LODDON RIVER AND SERPENTINE 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 Loddon River and Serpentine Creek to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.7.1 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder under the *Bulk Entitlement (Loddon River - Environmental Reserve) Order 2005* (allocation accounts 067057, 043412, 093407, 043413 and River Freshening Flows, Passing Flow Account and Deficit & Reimbursement Account under Schedule 1 of the bulk entitlement), *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation account 067058), *Environmental Entitlement (Goulburn System – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012* (allocation account 088041) and *Goulburn System – Mitigation Water Environmental Entitlement 2023* (allocation accounts 120156 and 120157) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes water committed:

- By the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in accordance with a decision by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder communicated through the *CEWO-VEWH Watering Schedule – Loddon River System – 2019-20 to 2023-24*, executed on 9 October 2019.
- 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 5.7.1 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 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) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder

- (d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority's *Loddon River system and Boort wetlands Seasonal Watering Proposal 2023-24* and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24*
- (e) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 12/07/2023



by

Sarina Loo, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 22 June 2023.