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 Pyramid Creek, specified in section 5.7.1 and 5.2.3 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20.

2. **DURATION OF APPROVAL**

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 18 October 2019 to 31 December 2019, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 4,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Pyramid Creek and Johnson Swamp. Water authorised under this seasonal watering statement is complementary to water authorised for use in Johnson Swamp under Seasonal Watering Statement #6 for North Central Catchment Management Authority.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Environmental Entitlement (River Murray – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012* (ABA088039) and the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (ABA043265) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in Table 5.2.5 and 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) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority’s Seasonal Watering Proposal: Loddon River System 2019-20 and Seasonal Watering Proposal: Loddon Murray Wetlands 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 18 October 2019

by

Beth Ashworth, Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 18 October 2019.