

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
GOULBURN BROKEN CATHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2021-22
GOULBURN RIVER

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 Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in the Goulburn River to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.4.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22* and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return flows from the Goulburn River at downstream sites along the Murray River.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 395,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Goulburn River.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation accounts 093999, 094000, 108627, 108628) and the *Environmental Entitlement (Goulburn system – Living Murray) 2007* (allocation accounts 064374, 064375, 064377, 107184 and 107190) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes:

- up to 360,000 ML committed by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in accordance with its decision communicated through the *CEWO-VEWH Watering Schedule – Goulburn River system for 2021-22 to 2023-24*, executed on 24 June 2021
- up to 15,000 ML committed in accordance with a decision of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee communicated to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder via an email sent on 28 June 2021.
- up to 20,000 ML committed 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 5.4.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*. The potential watering actions authorised are those that are denoted as tier 1a and 1b in Table 5.4.2 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*.

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) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal – Goulburn River 2021-22* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*
- (d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 28/06/2021

by 

Sarina Loo, Co-Chief Executive Officer Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 16 June 2021.