

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #9 FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2023-24
CENTRAL MURRAY WETLANDS

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 at Guttrum Forest, Hird Swamp, Kunat Kunat, Lake Cullen, Lake Elizabeth, McDonalds Swamp, Muringa wetlands and Wirra-Lo wetlands (Brolga Swamp, Bunyip Swamp East, Cattleyard Creek, Duck Creek North, Emu Creek, Red Gum Swamp) to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.4 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 up to 10,510 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the eight wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (allocation accounts 043265, 068158, 094002, 108632, 108633 and 108634), *Environmental Entitlement (River Murray – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012* (allocation account 088036) and *River Murray – Mitigation Water Environmental Entitlement 2023* (allocation accounts 120158 and 120159) held 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 5.2.10 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) endorsement of delivery plans (for individual wetlands listed in Schedule 1) by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies in the endorsed delivery plan and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal watering Plan 2023-24*
- (c) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
- (d) 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.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Guttrum Forest	1,100
Hird Swamp	1,500
Kunat Kunat	700
Lake Cullen	5,000
Lake Elizabeth	1,200
McDonalds Swamp	500
Muringa wetlands	10
Wirra-Lo wetlands (Brolga Swamp, Bunyip Swamp East, Cattleyard Creek, Duck Creek North, Emu Creek, Red Gum Swamp)	500
Total	10,510

* Water use per site may be varied in consultation with the VEWH, but the total volume authorised must not be exceeded.