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 at Wirra-Lo Wetland Complex, McDonalds Swamp and Johnson Swamp specified in section 5.2.3 in the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL
This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 4,800 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the three wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the following entitlements held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder:

- Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999 (ABA043265, ABA108634)
- Environmental Entitlement (River Murray – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012 (ABA088036 and ABA088039)

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in Table 5.2.5 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20 and the provisions of the entitlement.

This seasonal watering statement supersedes Seasonal Watering Statement #6 and the total volume authorised includes water used under Seasonal Watering Statement #6 between 1 July 2019 and 31 December 2019.

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) endorsement of a delivery plan for individual wetlands listed in Schedule 1 by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plans

(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 Seasonal Watering Proposal: Loddon Murray Wetlands 2019-20 and in line with section 1.3.6 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20
(e) 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 19 December 2019

by

**Andrew Sharpe**, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 18 December 2019.

**SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES**

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<th>Wetland name</th>
<th>Volume (ML)*</th>
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<td>McDonalds Swamp</td>
<td>600</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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* Water use per site may be varied in consultation with the VEWH, but the total volume authorised must not be exceeded.

# Full year demand.