

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2021-22
PYRAMID 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 Pyramid Creek to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.7.1 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 Pyramid Creek 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

North Central Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 6,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Pyramid Creek.

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, 094002, 068158, 108634, 108633, 108632) 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 5.7.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*.

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) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority's *Loddon River System Seasonal Watering Proposal 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 21/06/2021



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.