

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #2 FOR
WEST GIPPSLAND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2023-24

LOWER LATROBE WETLANDS: SALE COMMON, DOWD MORASS, HEART MORASS

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 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings at Sale Common, Dowd Morass and Heart Morass to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 2.2.2 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder under the *Lower Latrobe Wetlands Environmental Entitlement 2010* 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 2.2.3 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24*. The potential watering actions authorised are those that are denoted as tier 1 and 2 in Table 2.2.4 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 a delivery plan for Dowd Morass (where delivery varies from opening of fixed regulators) by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plan
- (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 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal – Lower Latrobe Wetlands 2023-24* and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24*
- (e) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 23/06/2023



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 22 June 2023.