

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #2A FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2023-24
LOWER 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 Mallee Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings at Bridge Creek (includes Bridge Creek wetland), Koorlong Lake, Lake Hawthorn, Lake Powell and Musk Duck wetland (Neds Corner East) to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.14 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 31 January 2024 to 30 June 2024, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Mallee Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 5,330 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the five 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 043419, 068154, 108632, 043265, 094002, 108634, 108633) 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 5.2.14 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 seasonal watering statement supersedes *Seasonal Watering Statement #2 for Mallee Catchment Management Authority 2023-24* and the total volume authorised includes water used under that seasonal watering statement between 1 July 2023 and 30 January 2024.

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 of the endorsed delivery plans 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 31 January 2024



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by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 31 January 2024.

Under delegation by the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Bridge Creek (includes Bridge Creek wetland)	1,580
Koorlong Lake	150
Lake Hawthorn	1,500
Lake Powell	2,000
Musk Duck wetland (Neds Corner East)	100
Total	5,330

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