

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR**  
**WEST GIPPSLAND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2023-24**  
**THOMSON RIVER AND HEYFIELD 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 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in the Thomson River and at Heyfield wetlands to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 2.3 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 *Bulk Entitlement (Thomson River – Environment) Order 2005* (allocation account 063364) 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 2.3.1 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 a delivery plan for Heyfield wetlands by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal 2023-24* and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24*
- (d) 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.