

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #2 FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2021-22
CENTRAL 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 North Central Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings at Guttrum Forest, Lake Elizabeth, Lake Murphy, Muringa Wetlands, Richardsons Lagoon, Round Lake, Wirra-Lo Wetlands Complex (Lignum Swamp North, Duck Creek North, Red Gum Swamp, Cattleyard Creek, Emu Creek, Bunyip Swamp East and Bunyip Swamp West), to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.3 in 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*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 9,200 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the 13 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, ABA094002, ABA108634, ABA108633, ABA108632 and ABA068158)
- *Environmental Entitlement (River Murray – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012* (ABA088036)

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*. The potential watering actions authorised are those that are denoted as tier1, or 2 in Table 5.2.9 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 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 2021-22* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*

(e) 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

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Guttrum Forest	800
Lake Elizabeth	1,500 [#]
Lake Murphy	3,500 [#]
Muringa Wetlands	100 [#]
Richardson Lagoon	1,600 [#]
Round Lake	1,000 [#]
Wirra-Lo Wetlands Complex (Lignum Swamp North, Duck Creek North, Red Gum Swamp, Cattleyard Creek, Emu Creek, Bunyip Swamp East and Bunyip Swamp West)	700 [#]
Total	9,200

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

[#] Full year demand