

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2022-23
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 Brickworks Billabong, Catfish Billabong, Koorlong Lake, Lake Hawthorn, Lake Powell, Lake Carpul, Robertson Creek and Robertson Wetland to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23* and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 8,300 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the eight 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, 068158, 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 2022-23* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*.

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 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*
- (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 Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Murray Wetlands Seasonal Watering Proposal 2022-23* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*
- (e) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 28/06/2022

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 22 June 2022.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Brickworks Billabong	250 [#]
Catfish Billabong	900
Koorlong Lake	150 [#]
Lake Hawthorn	1500 [#]
Lake Powell	2300
Lake Carpul	2000
Robertson Creek	700
Robertson Wetland	500
Total	8,300

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

Full year demand