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 to achieve environmental and functional watering objectives at Third Reedy Lake, consistent with the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20.

2. **DURATION OF APPROVAL**

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 26 March 2020 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 4,400 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Third Reedy Lake.

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 and ABA0068158)

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in section 5.2.3 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20 and the provisions of the entitlement.

This seasonal watering statement supersedes Seasonal Watering Statement #14 and the total volume authorised includes water used under Seasonal Watering Statement #14 between 6 December 2019 and 26 March 2020.

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 by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plan

(c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority’s Seasonal Watering Proposal: Loddon Murray Wetlands 2019-20 and in line with section 1.3.6 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20

(d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement in accordance with the Guidelines for reporting on the management of the Water Holdings.
Execution
Executed on 26 March 2020

by

Beth Ashworth, Co-Chief Executive Officer Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 25 March 2020.