

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2022-23
LODDON RIVER AND SERPENTINE CREEK

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 in the Loddon River and Serpentine Creek to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.7.1 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*. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return flows from the Loddon River at downstream sites along the Murray River.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder under the *Bulk Entitlement (Loddon River-Environmental Reserve) Order 2005* (allocation accounts 067057, 043412, 093407 and 043413, and River Freshening Flows under Schedule 1 of the bulk entitlement), *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation account 067058) and *Environmental Entitlement (Goulburn System – NVIRP Stage 1) 2012* (allocation account 088041) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes water committed by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in accordance with a decision by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder communicated through the *CEWO-VEWH Watering Schedule – Loddon River System – 2019-20 to 2023-24*, executed on 9 October 2019.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.7.1 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) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (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 *Loddon River System and Boort 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 27/06/2022



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 22 June 2022.