

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #2A FOR
WIMMERA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2023-2024
WIMMERA MALLEE 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 Wimmera Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in the Wimmera Mallee wetlands to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 4.4 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 21 August 2023 to 30 June 2024, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 79 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the 12 wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Wimmera and Glenelg Rivers Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation account 085417).

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 4.4.1 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 seasonal watering statement supersedes *Seasonal Watering Statement #2 for Wimmera Catchment Management Authority 2023-24* and the total volume authorised includes water used under that seasonal watering statement between 1 July 2023 and 20 August 2023.

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(s) (for individual wetlands listed in Schedule 1) by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions
- (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 Wimmera CMA's *Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Wetlands Seasonal Watering Proposal 2023-24* and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24*
- (e) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 21 August 2023

by 

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 16 August 2023.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Carapugna (Watchem Bushland Reserve)	22
Challambra Swamp	4
Crow Swamp	9
Fieldings Dam	2
Harcoans Swamp (Burrereo Bushland Reserve)	7
Mutton Swamp	7
Opies Dam	2
Pinedale	4
Sawpit Swamp	7
Schultz/Koschitzke	5
Tarkedia Dam	4
Wal Wal Swamp	6
Total	79

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