VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER

SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR

MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2020-21

SUPPLY SYSTEM 5 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 Mallee Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in the Wimmera Mallee wetlands to achieve environmental and functional watering objectives specified in section 4.4 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2020-21* and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2020-21.*

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 11 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the three wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used from allocation account 096926 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 4.4.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2020-21* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2020-21*.

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
(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
(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 *Seasonal Watering Proposal Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Wetlands 2020-21* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2020-21*
(e) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution
Executed on 22 June 2020

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 17 June 2020.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	**Volume (ML)***
Cokum Bushland Reserve	4
Considines	4
Poyner	3
Total	**11**

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