

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR
MELBOURNE WATER 2022-23
YARRA RIVER AND YARRA BILLABONGS

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 Melbourne Water to use water from the Water Holdings in the Yarra River and Yarra billabongs (Annulus Billabong, Banyule Billabong, Bolin Bolin, Burke Road Billabong and Yering Backswamp) to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 3.2 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Melbourne Water is authorised to use up to 41,000 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Yarra River and five Yarra billabongs.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environment Water Holder and can be used under the *Yarra Environmental Entitlement 2006* (allocation account 063365) 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 3.2.1 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
- (b) endorsement of delivery plans for Yarra billabongs 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) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Melbourne Water's *Seasonal Watering Proposal 2022/23: Yarra (Birrarrung) River, Tarago and Bunyip Rivers, Maribyrnong (Mirrangbamurn) River and Werribee River (Wirribi Yaluk) Environmental Entitlements* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2022-23*
- (d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 23 June 2022



by

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