

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #5 FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2023-24
BILGOES BILLABONG AND SNAKE LAGOON EXTENSION

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 at Bilgoes Billabong and Snake Lagoon Extension to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.7 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 22/01/2024 to 30 June 2024, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Mallee Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 210 ML of water from the Water Holdings at the two wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (allocation accounts 065905, 043408, 062294, 065283 and 107193) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with a decision of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee and communicated to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder via an email on 16 January 2024.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.16 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 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 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) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal 2023-24 Lindsay Mulcra Wallpolla* 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 22/01/2024



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by

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SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Bilgoes Billabong	100
Snake Lagoon Extension	110
Total	210

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