The Victorian Environmental Water Holder makes the following seasonal watering statement under section 33DY of the Water Act 1989.

PURPOSE
This seasonal watering statement authorises Wimmera Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to achieve environmental and functional watering objectives at Wimmera and MacKenzie rivers, Burnt and Mount William creeks and Ranch Billabong, specified in section 4.3 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20.

DURATION OF APPROVAL
The seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS
Wimmera Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 10,100 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Wimmera and MacKenzie rivers, Burnt and Mount William creeks and the Ranch Billabong.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the Wimmera and Glenelg Rivers Environmental Entitlement 2010 (ABA085416 or ABA100769) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This seasonal watering statement supersedes Seasonal Watering Statement #2 and #2a and the total volume authorised includes water used under Seasonal Watering Statement #2 and #2a between 18 October 2019 and 31 March 2020.

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in table 4.3.1 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20 and the provisions of the entitlement.

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 bank account to order water from

(b) endorsement of a delivery plan for Ranch Billabong by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plans

(c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Wimmera Catchment Management Authority’s Seasonal Watering Proposal for the Wimmera River System 2019-20 and in line with section 1.3.6 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20

(d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement in accordance with the Guidelines for reporting on the management of the Water Holdings.
Execution

Executed on 26 March 2020

by
Beth Ashworth, Co-Chief Executive Officer Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 25 March 2020.