

## VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER

### SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR

#### MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2021-22

#### LINDSAY RIVER, MULLAROO CREEK, WEBSTERS LAGOON, POTTERWALKAGEE CREEK, MULCRA HORSESHOE, MULCRA ISLAND FLOODPLAIN

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 Lindsay River, Mullaroo Creek, Websters Lagoon, Potterwalkagee Creek, Mulcra Horseshoe and Mulcra Island Floodplain to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22* and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*.

#### 2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 water made available by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (allocation account 043265) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation is made in accordance with a decision by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder communicated through the *Commonwealth Watering Schedule – 2021-22 Victorian Murray*, executed on 29 June 2021.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.15 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.3.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*.

Water delivery will be undertaken in combination with weir pool manipulation activities at weir pools 7 and 8 of the Murray River, coordinated by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. Water use associated with these activities will be determined at the conclusion of the weir pool manipulation.

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) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Lindsay Mulcra Wallpolla Icon Site 2021-22* and in line with section 1.3.6 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*

(d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

**Execution**

Executed on 30/06/2021

by 

Dr Sarina Loo, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Environmental Water Holder.  
Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 16 June 2021.