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 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to achieve environmental and functional watering objectives in the Macalister River, specified in section 2.4 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20.

2. **DURATION OF APPROVAL**

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. **AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS**

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder under the Macalister River Environmental Entitlement 2010 (ABA066319 and ABA068024) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered to the Macalister River consistent with the potential watering actions specified in Table 2.4.1 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) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's Seasonal watering proposal for the Macalister River system 2019-20 and in line with section 1.3.6 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20

(c) 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 June 2019

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**Denis Flett**, Chairperson Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 19 June 2019.