

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
WATERING AUTHORISATION #2
VEWH OFFICE 2023-24
BARMAH FOREST

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder authorises use of water from the Water Holdings in accordance with section 33DD of the *Water Act 1989*.

1. PURPOSE

This authorisation enables the Victorian Environmental Water Holder Office to use water from the Water Holdings at Barmah Forest and Murray River system to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.2 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This authorisation is valid from 30 November 2023 to 1 March 2024, unless superseded by another watering authorisation or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

The VEWH Office is authorised to order the release of up to 8,000 ML of water from the VEWH Holdings at Barmah Forest.

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 062295, 091243, 043398 and 107185).

This authorisation includes water committed in accordance with a decision of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee communicated to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder via email on 30 November 2023.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.3 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) endorsement of a delivery plan for Barmah Forest by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plan and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24*

Execution

Executed on 30/11/2023

by



Andrew Sharpe, Executive Manager, Planning and Delivery, Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Under delegation by the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.