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 North Central Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings to achieve environmental and functional watering objectives in Yarran Creek, specified in section 5.2.2 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2019-20. This seasonal watering statement also authorises use of return flows from Gunbower Forest at downstream sites along the River Murray.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 22 August 2019 to 30 June 2020, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

North Central Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 1,500 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Yarran Creek.

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 (ABA043265, ABA094002, ABA068158, ABA108634) and the Environmental Entitlement (River Murray- NVIRP Stage 1) 2012 (ABA088039).

Water is to be delivered consistent with the potential watering actions specified in Table 5.2.3 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 by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plan

(c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority’s Seasonal Watering Proposal Gunbower Forest and Gunbower Creek 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 22 August 2019

by

Beth Ashworth, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Upon decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 14 August 2019.