

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #2 FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2026-27
LINDSAY, MULCRA AND WALLPOLLA ISLAND WETLANDS

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, Mulcra and Wallpolla Islands to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2026-27* and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2026-27*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from **02/09/2026** to 31/12/2026, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 up to 2,750 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the four wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

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 043408, 062294, 065283, 065905, 107193) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

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 an email on 28 August 2026.

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 2026-27* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2026-27*.

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 account to order water from
- (b) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (c) endorsement of delivery plans (for individual wetlands listed in Schedule 1) by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plan(s) and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2026-27*.
- (d) confirmation by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder that the costs of the watering action/s to which this statement applies can be supported.

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

EXECUTION

Executed on 02/09/2026

by 

Chris Solum, Executive Manager, Planning and Delivery, Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Under delegation by the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Scotties Billabong	200
Sandy Creek and Lilyponds	2,000
Wetland 33	150
Wallpolla Horseshoe	400
Total	2,750

* Water use per site may be varied in consultation with the VEWH, but the total volume authorised must not be exceeded.