

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR
GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2026-27
BROKEN 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 Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings at Black Swamp, Kinnairds Wetland and Moodie Swamp to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.5.3 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 27 August 2026 to 31 December 2026, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 930 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the three 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* (ABA068157, ABA086322, ABA094003, ABA108630) and the *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (ABA093999, ABA094000, ABA108627, ABA108628) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes water committed:

- By the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in accordance with a decision communicated through the *CEWO-VEWH Watering Schedule – 2026-27 Victorian Murray Wetlands*, executed on 10/8/2026.
- By the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.5.6 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 plans and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2026-27*
- (d) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder

- (e) confirmation by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder that the costs of the watering action/s to which this statement applies can be supported.
- (f) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

EXECUTION

Executed on 27 August 2026

by 

Jarred Cook, Team Leader – Planning and Reporting, Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 24 August 2026.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)
Black Swamp	80
Kinnairds Wetland	350
Moodie Swamp	500
Total	930

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