

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
WATERING AUTHORISATION #2C
VEWH OFFICE 2024-25
BARMAH FOREST AND MURRAY RIVER

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 in the Murray River to:

- achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.2 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25*
- and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25*
- achieve non-Victorian environmental objectives for the Murray River in partnership with New South Wales, South Australia and other delivery agencies.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This authorisation is valid from 15 November 2024 to 30 June 2025, unless superseded by another watering authorisation or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 83,500 ML of water from the VEWH Holdings at Barmah Forest and in the Murray River.

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, 043398, 043408, 062294, 065283, 091243, 102506, 105075) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes water committed in accordance with decisions of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee communicated to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder via email on 25 June 2024, 29 July 2024, 11 September 2024 and 13 November 2024.

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 2024-25* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25*.

This watering authorisation supersedes *Watering Authorisation #2B Barmah Forest and Murray River for the VEWH Office* and the total volume authorised includes water used under:

- *Watering Authorisation #2 Barmah Forest and Murray River for the VEWH Office* between 1 July 2024 and 29 July 2024
- *Watering Authorisation #2A Barmah Forest and Murray River for the VEWH Office* between 30 July 2024 and 16 September 2024

- *Watering Authorisation #2B Barmah Forest and Murray River for the VEWH Office between 17 September 2024 and 14 November 2024.*

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 2024-25*
- (b) VEWH Office agreement that appropriate risk management is being undertaken for delivery to non-Victorian sites.

Execution

Executed on 15 November 2024

by



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