

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1B FOR
GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2025-26
GOULBURN WETLANDS: DOCTORS SWAMP, HORSESHOE LAGOON, KANYAPELLA
BASIN, LOCH GARRY AND REEDY SWAMP

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder makes the following seasonal watering statement under section 33DY of the *Water Act 1989*.

PURPOSE

This seasonal watering statement authorises Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings at Doctors Swamp, Horseshoe Lagoon, Kanyapella Basin, Loch Garry and Reedy Swamp to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.4.2 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26* and for emergency environmental watering in accordance with section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26*.

DURATION OF APPROVAL

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 22 April 2026 to 30 June 2026, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 4,800 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the five wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Environmental entitlement (Goulburn River) 2010* (allocation accounts 093999, 094000, 108627, 108628) held 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 5.4.4 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26*.

This seasonal watering statement supersedes *Seasonal Watering Statement #1A* Goulburn wetlands for the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority 2025-26 and the total volume authorised includes water used at the sites listed in Schedule 1 under:

- *Seasonal Watering Statement #1* Goulburn wetlands for the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority 2025-26 between 1 July 2025 and 23 July 2025.
- *Seasonal Watering Statement #1A* Goulburn wetlands for the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority 2025-26 between 24 July 2025 and 21 April 2026.

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) endorsement of a delivery plan (for individual wetland 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 2025-26*
- (c) confirmation by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder that the costs of the watering action/s to which this statement applies can be supported.

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

Execution

Executed on 22 April 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 27 March 2026

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Doctors Swamp	600
Horseshoe Lagoon	100
Kanyapella Basin	2,500
Loch Garry	1,000
Reedy Swamp	600
Total	4,800

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