

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #9 FOR**  
**NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2026-27**  
**BIRCHS CREEK**

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 in Birchs Creek to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.7.3 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 01 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder under the *Environmental Entitlement (Birch Creek – Bullarook system) 2009* (allocation account 087591) 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 5.7.9 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) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in North Central Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal - Bullarook System 2026-27* 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 24 June 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 22 June 2026.