




Variation to tables 5.4.4 and 5.4.5 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26
Changes are shown in red text

Table 5.4.4 Potential environmental watering actions, expected watering effects and associated environmental objectives for the Goulburn wetlands

Potential environmental watering action	Expected watering effects	Environmental objectives
Doctors Swamp (fill in autumn 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote frog breeding opportunities (notably for the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act-listed Sloane's froglet) Promote waterbird breeding opportunities (target species include Australasian bittern, musk duck and blue-billed duck) Maintain the Red Gum Swamp Ecological Vegetation Class 	A1 B1, B2 V1, V2
Gaynor Swamp (in natural conditions, inundate swamp, top-up[s] if required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase foraging and roosting habitat for breeding waterbirds, especially broлга Maintain water levels for waterbird chicks to successfully grow and become independent 	B1, B2
Horseshoe Lagoon (top-up to deeper pools only in late winter/spring 2025 [if required]) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide habitat for turtle populations Control exotic weeds 	T1, V2
Kanyapella Basin (partial fill in late winter/spring 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote waterbird breeding opportunities; target species include royal spoonbill and ibis Maintain floristic diversity 	B1, B2 V1, V2
Loch Garry (fill in Spring 2025 and autumn 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect targeted vegetation while minimising overflow to continue promoting the drawdown of deeper channels Provide refuge and habitat for freshwater catfish 	V1, F1
Molesworth billabongs (fill in winter/spring 2025 and top up as required [Billabong A only]) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide refuge and habitat for flathead galaxias Maintain and improve native vegetation Control exotic weeds 	F1 V1, V2

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Reedy Swamp (fill in autumn 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase foraging and roosting habitat for breeding waterbirds • Encourage growth and establishment of macrophytes from the existing seedbank and to prime the substrate for planting in Spring 2026 	B1, B2 V1
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Table 5.4.5 Potential environmental watering for the Goulburn wetlands system under a range of planning scenarios

Planning scenario	Drought	Dry	Average	Wet
Expected conditions	Catchment run-off and natural flow into the wetlands are highly unlikely	Catchment run-off and natural flow into the wetlands are highly unlikely	Some catchment run-off and natural flow into some of the wetlands are likely, particularly in winter/spring	Catchment run-off and natural flow into the wetlands are likely to fill or partially fill the wetlands, particularly in winter/spring
Potential environmental watering – tier 1 (high priorities)	Doctors Swamp Horseshoe Lagoon Kanyapella Basin Loch Garry Molesworth billabongs Reedy Swamp	Doctors Swamp Horseshoe Lagoon Kanyapella Basin Loch Garry Molesworth billabongs Reedy Swamp	Doctors Swamp Horseshoe Lagoon Kanyapella Basin Loch Garry Molesworth billabongs Reedy Swamp	Doctors Swamp Horseshoe Lagoon Kanyapella Basin Loch Garry Molesworth billabongs Reedy Swamp
Potential environmental watering – tier 2 (additional priorities)			Gaynor Swamp	Gaynor Swamp
Possible volume of water for the environment required to achieve objectives	4,870 ML (tier 1)	4,860 ML (tier 1)	4,860 ML (tier 1) 1,000 ML (tier 2)	4,260 ML (tier 1) 500 ML (tier 2)
Priority carryover requirements for 2026-27	N/A			