

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR**  
**NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2025-26**  
**LODDON RIVER AND SERPENTINE 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 the Loddon River and Serpentine Creek to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.7.1 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*.

**2. DURATION OF APPROVAL**

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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:

- *Bulk Entitlement (Loddon River – Environmental Reserve) Order 2025*, this includes water available under:
  - allocation accounts 067057, 043412, 093407, 043413
  - River freshening flows, Passing Flow Account and Deficit & Reimbursement Account under Schedule 1 of the bulk entitlement
  - unregulated flows under clause 6f of the bulk entitlement.
- *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation account 067058)
- *Goulburn System – Mitigation Water Environmental Entitlement 2023* (allocation accounts 120156 and 120157) 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 *CEWH-VEWH Watering Schedule Loddon River System 2024-25 to 2028-29*, executed on 24 June 2024.
- 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 5.7.2 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 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 *Loddon River Seasonal Watering Proposal 2025-26* and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26*
- (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 2025



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 24 June 2025.