

**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER**  
**SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #5A FOR**  
**NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2025-26**  
**BOORT WETLANDS: LAKE YANDO, LAKE MERAN**

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 at Lake Yando and Lake Meran to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.7.2 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*.

**2. DURATION OF APPROVAL**

This seasonal watering statement is valid from 22 April to 30 June 2026, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 up to 1,400 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the wetlands listed in Schedule 1.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (Loddon River – Environmental Reserve) Order 2005* (allocation accounts 067057, 043412, 093407, 043413 and unregulated flows under clause 6f of the bulk entitlement) and *Goulburn River Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation account 067058) and *Goulburn System – Mitigation Water Environmental Entitlement 2023* (allocation accounts 120156 and 120157) 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 5.7.2 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 seasonal watering statement supersedes *Seasonal Watering Statement #5 for North Central Catchment Management Authority 2025-26* and the total volume authorised includes water used under that seasonal watering statement between 01 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 wetlands listed in Schedule 1) 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 2025-26*
- (c) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
- (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 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 22 April 2026.

## SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED VOLUMES

Wetland name	Volume (ML)*
Lake Yando	300
Lake Meran	1,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,400</b>

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