

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR
MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2026-27
LINDSAY, MULCRA AND WALLPOLLA ISLAND ANABRANCHES

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 Mallee Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in the Lindsay River and Finnigans, Mullaroo and Potterwalkagee Creeks to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.7 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Mallee Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use water made available by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (allocation account 043265) 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 *Commonwealth Watering Schedule – 2026-27 Victorian Murray*, executed on 30 June 2026.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.15 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2026-27* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2026-27*.

Water delivery will be undertaken in combination with weir pool manipulation activities at locks 7 and 8 of the River Murray, coordinated by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. Water use associated with these activities will be determined at the conclusion of the weir pool manipulation.

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) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Mallee Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal Lindsay-Mulcra-Wallpolla 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 1 July 2026



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 22 June 2026.