

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR
WEST GIPPSLAND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2026-27
THOMSON RIVER

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 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in the Thomson River to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 2.3 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder under the Bulk Entitlement (Thomson River – Environment) Order 2005 (allocation account 063364) and the Thomson/Macalister System – Mitigation Water Environmental Entitlement 2024 (allocation accounts 123162 and 123163) 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 2.3.1 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) endorsement of a delivery plan for Heyfield Wetlands 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 2026-27*
- (c) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal – Thomson River and Heyfield Wetlands 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 30 June 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jarred Cook', written in a cursive style.

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.