VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER

SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #3 FOR

CORANGAMITE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2025-26

LOWER BARWON WETLANDS: HOSPITAL SWAMPS AND REEDY LAKE

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 Corangamite Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings at Hospital Swamps and Reedy Lake to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 3.7.2 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder under the *Barwon River Environmental Entitlement 2011* 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 3.7.3 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) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Corangamite Catchment Management Authority's Lower Barwon Wetlands Seasonal Watering Proposal 2025-26 and in line with section 1.2.7 of the Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26
- (b) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution Executed on 26 June 2025

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 24 June 2025.

