

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
WATERING AUTHORISATION #1
VEWH OFFICE 2026-27
GOULBURN WETLANDS: MOLESWORTH BILLABONGS

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder authorises use of water from the Water Holdings in accordance with section 33DD of the *Water Act 1989*.

1. PURPOSE

This authorisation enables water from the Water Holdings to be used to provide habitat for small-bodied fish, suppress weeds and promote native aquatic vegetation in the Molesworth Billabongs, consistent with the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2026-27*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This authorisation is valid from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, unless superseded by another watering authorisation or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

The VEWH Office is authorised to order the release of up to 100 ML of water from the VEWH Holdings made available by the VEWH in the Molesworth Billabongs at the request of the Taungurung Land and Waters Council (TLaWC).

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the Environmental entitlement (Goulburn River) 2010 (allocation accounts 093999, 094000, 108627, 108628) 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 5.4.4 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 between TLaWC and the 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 between TLaWC and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
- (c) endorsement of a delivery plan 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*
- (d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Taungurung Land and Waters Council's Molesworth Billabongs - *Seasonal Watering Proposal 2026-27* and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2026-27*
- (e) confirmation by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder that the costs of the watering action to which this statement applies can be supported.
- (f) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution 30/06/2026
Executed on
by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jarred Cook', written over a horizontal line.

Jarred Cook, Team Leader – Planning and Reporting, Victorian Environmental Water Holder
Upon decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
made on 22 June 2026.