VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER

SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR

NORTH EAST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2026-27

UPPER MURRAY WETLANDS: RYANS LAGOON 1 AND RYANS LAGOON 2

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 East Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings at Ryans Lagoon 1 and Ryans Lagoon 2 to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.1 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2026 to 31 December 2026, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

North East Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 240 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Ryans Lagoon 1 and Ryans Lagoon 2.

This water is made available by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (allocation account 094003) 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 wetlands*, executed on 10 August 2026.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.1 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) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering
(c) endorsement of a delivery plan for Ryans Lagoon 1 and Ryans Lagoon 2 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) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement
(e) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder to ensure costs of the watering actions to which this statement applies can be supported.

Execution
Executed on 15 October 2026



by

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