

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #1 FOR
MELBOURNE WATER 2025-26
YARRA RIVER AND YARRA BILLABONGS

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 Melbourne Water to use water from the Water Holdings in the Yarra River and Yarra Billabongs (Bolin Bolin Billabong and Yering Backswamp) to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 3.2 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Melbourne Water is authorised to use water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder under the *Yarra Environmental Entitlement 2006* (allocation account 063365) 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 3.2.1 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) 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 delivery plans for Yarra Billabongs (Bolin Bolin Billabong and Yering Backswamp) by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plans and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26*
- (c) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
- (d) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Melbourne Water's *Seasonal Watering Proposal 2025-26 Yarra River (Birrarung)* and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26*
- (e) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

EXECUTION

Executed on 24 June 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jarred Cook', with a stylized, cursive script.

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.