

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
WATERING AUTHORISATION #1
VEWH OFFICE 2025-26
GOULBURN WETLANDS: MOLESWORTH BILLABONGS

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder authorises the 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 2025-26*.

2. DURATION OF APPROVAL

This authorisation is valid from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, unless superseded by another watering authorisation or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 70 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 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 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(s) and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26*
- d. implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in TLaWC's *Molesworth Billabongs - Seasonal Watering Proposal 2025-26* and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26*
- e. confirmation by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder that the costs of the watering action/s to which this statement applies can be supported.
- f. reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 13/06/2025

by



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Upon decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 19 May 2025.