

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #2 FOR
WIMMERA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2025-26

**WIMMERA SYSTEM: WIMMERA AND MACKENZIE RIVERS, BURNT, BUNGALALLY
AND MOUNT WILLIAM CREEKS, AND RANCH BILLABONG**

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 Wimmera Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings in the Wimmera and Mackenzie Rivers, Burnt, Bungalally and Mount William Creeks, and Ranch Billabong to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 4.3 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 12,542 ML of water from the Water Holdings in the Wimmera and Mackenzie Rivers, Burnt, Bungalally and Mount William Creeks, and Ranch Billabong.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

- Water made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder can be delivered under the provisions of the *Wimmera and Glenelg Rivers Environmental Entitlement 2010* (allocation accounts 085416 and 100769)
- Water made available by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder can be delivered in regulated releases from Taylors Lake and Lake Lonsdale under the *2012 Deed of Supply by Agreement* between the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water. Under the *CEWO-VEWH-WCMA Watering Schedule – Wimmera 2022-23 to 2026-27* between Wimmera CMA, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Victorian Environmental Water Holder, Wimmera CMA is authorised to order the delivery of water made available by the Commonwealth 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 4.3.1 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) consultation with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder when undertaking emergency environmental watering

- (c) endorsement of a delivery plan for Ranch Billabong by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and implementation of the conditions and risk mitigating strategies of the endorsed delivery plan
- (d) an agreement for watering private land where required, endorsed by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder
- (e) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Wimmera Catchment Management Authority's *Seasonal Watering Proposal for Wimmera System Wimmera CMA Region 2025-26* and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26*
- (f) confirmation by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder that the costs of the watering action/s to which this statement applies can be supported.
- (g) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

EXECUTION

Executed on 24 June 2025



by

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Upon the decision of the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder made on 24 June 2025.