

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
MELBOURNE WATER 2025-26
MARIBYRNONG SYSTEM – JACKSONS CREEK

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 Jacksons Creek to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 3.4 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 20 January 2026 to 30 June 2026, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.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 up to 302 ML of water from the Water Holdings in Jacksons Creek.

This water can be used from allocation account 094957 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 3.4.1 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26* or the emergency watering procedure in section 1.2.8 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26*. The potential watering actions authorised are those that are denoted as tier 1b in Table 3.4.2 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) implementation of the risk mitigating strategies identified in Melbourne Water's Seasonal Watering Proposal 2025/26 Maribyrnong (Mirrangbamurn) River and in line with section 1.2.7 of the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26*
- (c) confirmation by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder that the costs of the watering action/s to which this statement applies can be supported.
- (d) reporting to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder on implementation of this seasonal watering statement.

Execution

Executed on 20/01/2026

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 4 August 2025.