

VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDER
SEASONAL WATERING STATEMENT #4 FOR
NORTH CENTRAL CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY 2026-27
GUNBOWER FOREST

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 Central Catchment Management Authority to use water from the Water Holdings at Gunbower Forest to achieve environmental objectives and expected watering effects specified in section 5.2.3 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This seasonal watering statement is valid from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, unless superseded by another seasonal watering statement or revoked by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

3. AUTHORISATION TO USE THE WATER HOLDINGS

North Central Catchment Management Authority is authorised to use up to 11,250 ML of water from the Water Holdings at Gunbower Forest.

This water is made available by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and can be used under the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Flora and Fauna) Conversion Order 1999* (allocation accounts 062294, 043408, 065905) held by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

This authorisation includes water committed in accordance with a decision of the Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee and communicated to the Victorian Environmental Water Holder via an email on 2 July 2026.

Water is to be delivered under the provisions of the entitlement and in accordance with the potential environmental watering actions specified in Table 5.2.5 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 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

Execution

Executed on 15 July 2026



by

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Under delegation by the Commission of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder