Report on environmental water use – Victoria

Victoria’s annual report on environmental water use (Schedule 12, Item 9.3)

Reporting context

The additional water made available for the environment under the Basin Plan is aiming to: restore and improve the resilience of rivers, wetlands and floodplains; connect rivers to their floodplains and the sea; improve the health of fish, birds and vegetation populations; and keep water fit for environmental use.

In 2013-14, environmental water was delivered for the first time to meet Basin scale, or whole-of-Basin, priorities. This is a major change to the way environmental water is used in the Basin – it has increased the emphasis on managing the Basin as one system.

The purpose of this report is to monitor how much water was delivered to the environment and for what purpose. This report is a requirement of Chapter 13 of the Basin Plan and relates to Matter 9.3 of Schedule 12.

This report covers:

- held environment water (HEW) in regulated systems;
- where possible, Planned Environmental Water (PEW) in regulated systems (e.g., Environmental Contingency Allowance in Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and similar PEW accounts in Macquarie, Gwydir);
- where possible, HEW or PEW in unregulated systems (e.g. embargoed flow event).

Indicators for measuring success

Indicator 9.3 reports on the purpose and consequences of environmental water use. This indicator incorporates several elements:

- Purpose of environmental watering (**Indicator 9.3.1**)
- How watering aligned with the Basin-wide Environmental Watering Priorities (**Indicator 9.3.2**)
- How much environmental water was used to meet the purpose (**Indicator 9.3.3**)
- Consequences of environmental use of water (**Indicator 9.3.4**)

Indicator 9.3: Purpose and consequences of environmental water use

VEWH NOTES to table

Please note that the majority of environmental watering actions undertaken aim to achieve multiple objectives and, as such, identification of a primary purpose is not necessarily representative of what the action was aiming to achieve. The primary purpose has purely been identified for the purposes of this reporting. Other objectives associated with the watering action have been identified in the secondary purpose(s) and the planned objectives of the watering have been included in additional comments.

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Black Swamp	Broken	Vegetation	Waterbirds	Not applicable		VEWH = 50 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 50	15/4/14-17/4/14	Not available	Maintain or improve the condition of river red gum 'ecological vegetation classes' and protect the vulnerable river swamp wallaby grass. Maintain water levels within wetlands if waterbirds nesting to ensure waterbirds do not abandon nest sites.
Kinnairds Wetland	Broken	Vegetation	Waterbirds	Not applicable		VEWH = 179.5 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 179.5	26/8/13-22/5/14	Not available	Maintain or improve the condition of red gum swamp and plains grassy wetland 'ecological vegetation classes' and protect the vulnerable rigid water milfoil and protected slender water milfoil. Maintain water levels within wetlands if waterbirds nesting to ensure waterbirds do not abandon nest sites.
Moodies Swamp	Broken	Waterbirds	Vegetation	Not applicable		VEWH = 0 CEWH = 121.2 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 121.2	1/4/14-19/4/14	Not available	Maintain or improve wetland vegetation condition, including the vulnerable rigid water milfoil. Provide habitat and breeding resources for waterbirds, including brolga.

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Lower Broken Creek	Broken	Fish	Water quality Vegetation Connectivity	Not applicable		VEWH = 0 CEWH = 38,593.7 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 38,593.7	7/5/14-26/5/14	Not available	The priority environmental objectives are to: provide native fish passage; provide suitable water quality conditions for native fish; and improve fish habitat during migration and breeding seasons.
Campaspe River	Campaspe	Ecosystem resilience	Vegetation Fish Macroinvertebrates Vegetation Water quality (chemical)	Not applicable		VEWH = 6,279.9 CEWH = 6,517.4 TLM = 1,768 Other source = 0 Total = 14,565.3	1/7/13-22/8/13 13/9/13-20/9/13 23/10/13-11/2/14 23/3/14-19/4/14 11/5/14-30/6/14	Not available	The focus for the Campaspe system for 2013-14 is to build the environmental resilience of the system. The priority environmental objectives are: maintaining pool habitat and water quality for fish populations; improving the potential for fish movement; maintaining macroinvertebrate populations; reducing encroachment of terrestrial vegetation in-stream; maintaining aquatic vegetation; and enhancing river red gum recruitment.
Goulburn River	Goulburn	Fish	Vegetation	Yes	8. Lower Goulburn River	VEWH = 33,348.7 CEWH = 215,000 TLM = 64,000 Other source = 0 Total = 312,348.7	6/10/13-5/12/13 1/2/14-30/6/14	Not available	The priority environmental objectives are: providing appropriate habitats and cues for fish including for spawning, recruitment and migration; enhancing aquatic vegetation extent and diversity; enhancing riparian vegetation extent and diversity; improving the abundance and diversity of macroinvertebrate communities; and minimising river bank slumping and erosion.

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Lake Meran	Loddon	Vegetation	Ecosystem resilience	Not applicable		VEWH = 1,848.7 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 1,848.7	8/4/14-15/5/14	Not available	Maintain emergent aquatic plant communities Maintain health of the fringing intermittent swampy woodland. Restore open water/submerged aquatic macrophyte communities and tall marsh communities. Restore habitat and breeding opportunities for waterbirds, fish, frogs and invertebrates. Restore connectivity between river, floodplain and wetland.
Lake Yando	Loddon	Vegetation	Waterbirds	Not applicable		VEWH = 151.3 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 151.3	25/10/13-10/11/13	Not available	Support diverse aquatic and amphibious plant species communities within the gilgai channels of the wetland. Provide feeding opportunities for waterbirds.
Loddon River	Loddon	Vegetation	Fish Macroinvertebrates Water quality (chemical)	Not applicable		VEWH = 6,593.1 CEWH = 2,774.5 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 9,367.6	1/7/13-30/6/14	Not available	The focus of environmental watering is to enhance the condition of riparian vegetation and provide appropriate conditions for fish and macroinvertebrate colonisation.
Ovens River	Ovens	Fish		Not applicable		VEWH = 0 CEWH = 70 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 70	23/4/14-6/5/14	Not available	
Barmah Forest	Victorian Murray	Population resilience	Vegetation Birds Fish Other vertebrates Ecosystem resilience	Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 74,200 CEWH = 98,500 TLM = 15,000 Other source = 167700 Total = 355,400	3/10/2013 - 6/12/2013	Not available	Increase (greater than 0.5 m depth) and extend (four months) natural spring flooding to maximise benefit for moira grass plains and river red gum forest.
Boals Deadwood	Victorian Murray	Waterbirds	Ecosystem resilience	Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 7,686.2 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 7,686.2	12/12/2013 - 3/02/2013	Not available	Improve water quality, provide connectivity and maintain drought refuge for fish and turtles.

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Brickworks Billabong	Victorian Murray	Fish	Vegetation Waterbirds	Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 174 CEWH = 174 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 347.9	19/12/13-21/6/14	Not available	Maintain the sites as permanent saline lakes which provide habitats suitable for endangered Murray hardyhead and saline aquatic meadow vegetation. Provide suitable waterbird habitat.
Bridge Creek	Victorian Murray	Vegetation		Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 200 CEWH = 200 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 400	20/6/14-23/6/14	Not available	Improve health of black box communities.
Bullock Swamp	Victorian Murray	Water quality (chemical)		Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 265.8 CEWH = 265.8 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 531.5	16/5/14-23/6/14	Not available	Planned for under the combined action for River Murray Reach 9 and 10 (SWP 2013-14 p135). Improve ecological function by rehabilitating from the effects of salinisation.
Burra Creek South	Victorian Murray	Vegetation		Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 300 CEWH = 300 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 600	28/5/14-23/6/14	Not available	Improve health of black box communities.
Butlers Creek	Victorian Murray	Vegetation		Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 206.9 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 206.9	1/5/14-11/5/14	Not available	Maintain and improve health of river red gum communities.
Cardross Lakes	Victorian Murray	Fish	Vegetation Waterbirds	Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 506.1 CEWH = 506.1 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 1,012.2	24/10/13-27/2/14	Not available	Maintain the sites as permanent saline lakes which provide habitats suitable for endangered Murray hardyhead and saline aquatic meadow vegetation. Provide suitable waterbird habitat.

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Gunbower Creek	Victorian Murray	Fish	Connectivity Ecosystem resilience	Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 549.9 CEWH = 19,025.9 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 19,575.8	25/9/13-11/5/14	Not available	Provide a base flow during the winter shut down period to maintain habitat quality for threatened large bodied native fish. Inundate spawning areas and stimulate fish movement. Stimulate spawning, hatching and larval dispersal. Provide connectivity for fish migration and to maintain habitat quality.
Gunbower Forest	Victorian Murray	Vegetation	Connectivity Fish Ecosystem resilience	Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 9,104 CEWH = 0 TLM = 10,153 Other source = 0 Total = 19,257	26/5/2014 - 30/6/2014 (continuing into 2014-15)	Not available	To improve the health and aid in the recovery of river red gum communities; to stimulate germination and growth of water dependant flora; to maintain habitat and promote movement of native fish; to provide opportunities for carbon and nutrient input into Lower Gunbower Creek; and to commission the newly completed infrastructure at Hipwell Road.
Hattah Lakes	Victorian Murray	Vegetation	Connectivity Ecosystem resilience	Yes	9. Mid- Murray River system	VEWH = 25,348.7 CEWH = 4,633.1 TLM = 67,306.1 Other source = 0 Total = 97,287.9	28/10/2013 - 20/1/2014 26/5/2014 - 30/6/2014 (continuing into 2014-15)	Not available	Increase the diversity, extent and abundance of wetland and floodplain vegetation communities, particularly river red gum woodlands. Restore and maintain wetlands and floodplain habitat to support fish communities and waterbird breeding.
Heywoods Lake	Victorian Murray	Vegetation		Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 5,000.2 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 5,000.2	19/09/13-14/11/13	Not available	Restore open water/submerged aquatic assemblage for the deeper/lower sections of the lake.

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Karadoc Swamp	Victorian Murray	Water quality (chemical)		Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 200 CEWH = 200 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 400	Fill from empty: 30/09/2013 - 21/02/2014 Top up: 5/12/2013 - 12/12/2013 Top up: 13/01/2014 - 21/02/2014	Not available	Planned for under the combined action for River Murray Reach 9 and 10 (SWP 2013-14 p135). Improve ecological function by rehabilitating from the effects of salinisation.
Lake Elizabeth	Victorian Murray	Fish	Vegetation	Not applicable		VEWH = 1,455 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 1,455	16/5/14-13/6/14	Not available	Provide conditions suitable for Murray hardyhead translocation. Support submerged salt-tolerant aquatic plant assemblage.
Liparoo East	Victorian Murray	Vegetation		Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 236 CEWH = 236 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 472	Fill to target: 9/12/2013 - 16/03/2014	Not available	Maintain health of river red gum communities.
McDonalds Swamp	Victorian Murray	Ecosystem diversity		Not applicable		VEWH = 1,240 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 1,240	22/5/14-14/6/14	Not available	Support a diversity of plant and animal populations typical of a shallow freshwater marsh, including key waterbird habitat.

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Mulcra Island	Victorian Murray	Vegetation	Ecosystem resilience	Yes	6. Lower Murray River system	VEWH = 0 CEWH = 0 TLM = 3,745 Other source = 0 Total = 3,745	Fill from empty: 30/9/2013 - 19/12/2013 Top up: 5/12/2013 - 19/12/2013	Not available	Provide a diversity of structural aquatic habitats. Increase the diversity and abundance of wetland aquatic vegetation. Maintain and improve the populations of threatened flora and fauna that are flow dependent. Restore productivity linkages between the river and floodplain habitats. Increase abundance, diversity and extent of distribution of native fish. Provide habitat suitable for migratory birds, especially species listed under the JAMBA, CAMBA and ROKAMBA. Provide occasional breeding and roosting habitat for colonial waterbirds.
Psyche Lagoon	Victorian Murray	Water quality (chemical)		Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 400 CEWH = 400 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 800	24/07/2013 - 7/12/2013	Not available	Planned for under the combined action for River Murray Reach 9 and 10 (SWP 2013-14 p135). Improve ecological function by rehabilitating from the effects of salinisation.
Round Lake	Victorian Murray	Fish	Waterbirds	Not applicable		VEWH = 509 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 509	22/4/14-23/6/14	Not available	Maintain the lake as a permanent saline lake with habitat suitable for Murray hardyhead. Provide suitable waterbird habitat.
Sandilong Creek	Victorian Murray	Vegetation		Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 141.9 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 141.9	Top ups: 26/8/2013 - 7/5/2014	Not available	Support open water habitat; reduce dominance by cumbungi.

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Woorlong Wetland	Victorian Murray	Water quality (chemical)		Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 176.1 CEWH = 176.1 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 352.2	2/12/13-3/5/14	Not available	Planned for under the combined action for River Murray Reach 9 and 10 (SWP 2013-14 p135). Improve ecological function by rehabilitating from the effects of salinisation.
Hird Swamp	Victorian Murray	Waterbirds	Vegetation	Not applicable		VEWH = 3,343 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 3,343	11/4/14-30/6/14	Not available	Support a diversity of habitat types for waterbird resting, nesting and feeding.
Barbers Swamp	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 17.1 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 17.1	12/8/13-29/8/13 29/4/14-5/5/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Beulah Weir Pool	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 50 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 50	28/4/14-7/5/14 11/06/14-20/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Broom Tank	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 9.2 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 9.2	1/5/14-6/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Bull Swamp	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 12.3 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 12.3	14/5/13-4/9/13 14/11/13-10/12/13 1/5/14-16/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Cherrip Swamp	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 2.0 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 2.0	16/10/13-24/10/13 12/12/13-16/12/13	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Chiprick Bushland Reserve	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 7.4 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 7.4	29/4/14-19/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Clinton Shire Dam (Towma Bushland Reserve)	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 5.1 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 5.1	1/5/14-24/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Cokym Bushland Reserve	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 0 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 3.8 Total = 3.8	11/12/13-10/1/14	Not available	Water delivered to the Wimmera-Mallee wetlands in supply system 5 has been accounted for against the GWMWater accounts for this year. The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Considines	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 0 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 8.6 Total = 8.6	11/12/13-19/12/13 29/4/14-17/6/14	Not available	Water delivered to the Wimmera-Mallee wetlands in supply system 5 has been accounted for against the GWMWater accounts for this year. The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Corack Lake	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 1.1 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 1.1	16/10/13-24/10/13 12/12/13-20/12/13	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Coundons Wetland	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 0.6 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 0.6	29/4/14-5/5/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Creswick Swamp	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 0.8 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 0.8	12/12/13-18/12/13	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Cronomby Tanks	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 5.5 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 5.5	29/4/14-19/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
D Smith	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 1.5 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 1.5	1/5/14-21/5/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Davis	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 0.6 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 0.6	1/5/14-5/5/14 4/6/14-6/5/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Falla Dam	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 1.9 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 1.9	1/5/14-25/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Goulds Reserve (Box Swamp)	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 4.5 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 4.5	1/05/2014-13/5/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Greens Wetland (2)	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 3.5 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 3.5	14/11/13-19/12/13 1/5/14-25/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
J Ferrier Wetland	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 13.9 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 13.9	14/11/13-30/4/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
J1 Creek	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Yes	9. Mid-Murray River	VEWH = 209 CEWH = 209 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 418	20/5/14-23/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Jeffcott Wildlife Reserve	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 5.8 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 5.8	16/10/13-14/11/13 12/12/13-20/12/13	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Jesse Swamp	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 0.5 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 0.5	8/5/14-22/5/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
John Ampt	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 7.4 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 7.4	15/11/13-23/12/13 10/1/14-4/3/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Lake Danaher Bushland Reserve	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 5 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 5	14/11/14-25/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Lake Tchum North Lake Reserve - Dam	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 11.1 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 11.1	14/11/13-31/3/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Mahoods Corner	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 2.6 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 2.6	14/11/13-2/12/13 1/5/14-7/5/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Moreton Plains Reserve	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 5.9 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 5.9	14/11/13-17/1/14 1/5/14-6/5/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Pam Juergens Dam	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 1.1 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 1.1	1/5/14-13/5/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Part of Gap Reserve (Stephen Smith Dam)	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 3.4 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 3.4	1/5/14-16/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Paul Barclay	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 9.1 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 9.1	1/5/14-11/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Poyner	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 0 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 3.3 Total = 3.3	11/12/13-26/2/14	Not available	Water delivered to the Wimmera-Mallee wetlands in supply system 5 has been accounted for against the GWMWater accounts for this year. The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
R Ferriers Dam	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 6.9 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 6.9	1/5/14-24/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Rickard Glenys Dam	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 2.6 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 2.6	1/5/14-23/5/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Robertsons Wetland	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Yes	6. Lower Murray River system	VEWH = 601.1 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 601.1	20/9/13-8/10/13	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Roselyn Wetland/Reids Dam	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 19.7 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 19.7	12/5/13-11/11/13 1/5/14-2/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Round Swamp Bushland Reserve	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 8.9 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 8.9	1/5/14-24/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Sawpit Swamp	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 33.1 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 33.1	6/8/13-6/11/14 23/4/14-17/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Shannons Wayside	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 3.1 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 3.1	1/5/14-16/6/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.

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Towma (Lake Marlbed)	Wimmera-Mallee	Ecosystem diversity	Vegetation Waterbirds Other vertebrates	Not applicable		VEWH = 1.7 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 1.7	1/5/14-23/5/14	Not available	The overarching environmental objectives are to: provide habitat for waterbirds, reptiles and frogs; and maintain the condition of fringing wetland vegetation. Improving the condition of aquatic and terrestrial wetland vegetation ensures that animal species have habitat and water resources available in a predominantly dry landscape.
Wimmera River system	Wimmera-Mallee	Water quality (chemical)	Water quality (biological) Fish Vegetation Other vertebrates Ecosystem resilience	Not applicable		VEWH = 19,532 CEWH = 0 TLM = 0 Other source = 0 Total = 19,532	1/7/13-30/6/14	Not available	Environmental objectives focus on: maintaining water quality and supporting the self-sustaining freshwater catfish in the Wimmera River; supporting the health of Wimmera bottlebrush communities; providing suitable habitat for platypus and high-value fish populations in the MacKenzie River and Mount William Creek; and maintaining vegetation condition in Burnt and Bungalally creeks.

NOTES

Note 1 - Geographic identifier could mean river reach (i.e. between model nodes) or site/asset name.

Where possible, spatial data should be provided to locate each geographic identifier. The format of the spatial data has not yet been specified, but may include shapefiles, MapInfo tab files and/or point coordinates."

Note 2 - The catchment(s) that contain the geographic identifier are requested to allow spatial representation of environmental watering use

Note 3 - Select the purpose(s) for environmental water use at the geographic identifier

Note 4 - If environmental water use at the geographic identifier had more than two purposes, list the other purposes in the Additional Comments field

Note 5 - For any watering actions that are undertaken not in accordance with the Basin annual environmental watering priorities, a statement of reason must be provided to the MDBA (via the separate Statement of Assurance self-assessment checklist template)

Note 6 - Select the relevant priority corresponding to environmental water use. If environmental water use at the geographic identifier achieved more than one priority, list the other priorities in the Additional Comments field.

2013-14 Annual Watering Priorities
1. Northern Basin wetlands: Improve the resilience of colonial waterbird populations by supporting breeding events and improving breeding habitat in the Northern Basin wetlands.

2. Gwydir wetlands: Improve the condition and maintain the extent of wetland vegetation communities in the Gwydir wetlands (including Ramsar sites) by restoring hydrological connectivity and a flow regime that meets ecological requirements.
3. Macquarie Marshes: Improve ecosystem resilience amongst wetland vegetation communities in the Macquarie Marshes including Ramsar listed sites.
4. Lower Lachlan wetlands: Improve ecosystem resilience amongst wetland vegetation communities in the lower Lachlan wetlands
5. Mid-Murrumbidgee wetlands: Improve the condition of wetland vegetation communities in the mid-Murrumbidgee wetlands through a winter or spring fresh.
6. Lower Murray River system: Improve vegetation condition in wetlands and floodplains and provide cues for native fish recruitment and movement in the lower Murray River system by enhancing in-stream flow variability.
7. Barwon-Darling River: Improve habitat and provide opportunities for migration and reproduction of native fish in the Barwon-Darling River system by increasing flow variability and hydrological connectivity.
8. Lower Goulburn River: Improve habitat and provide opportunities for migration and reproduction of native fish in the lower Goulburn River through re-instating a variable flow regime which includes a large ‘in-channel’ spring/summer fresh.
9. Mid-Murray River: Improve habitat and provide opportunities for migration and reproduction of native fish in the mid-Murray River, including the Edward-Wakool and other smaller anabranches, distributary creeks and low-lying wetlands throughout the region.
10. Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth: Facilitate Ruppia recovery by ensuring appropriate flows into the Coorong; and maintain the connection between the Lower Lakes to improve the water quality in Lake Albert.

Note 7 - Total volume used to achieve the specified purpose(s) at the geographic identifier. May be reported per entitlement holder if desired.

Note 8 - Time period during the year when environmental water use occurred. May be single date or period(s)

Note 9 - This reportable property is designed to capture evidence of the consequences of the environmental water use (where possible). This evidence may come in the form of a map (i.e. of inundation extent) and/or hydrograph (observed or modelled) where relevant and able to be generated. This data will support case study narrative reporting on environmental water use.

This field is intended to identify where inundation maps or hydrograph data can be generated and supplied."

Note 10 - This simply provides a mechanism to capture any additional relevant information that may further explain or qualify other responses.

Further details can be found in the Victorian Environmental Water Holders’ published resources:

Annual Report 2013-14 for the VEWH. It includes the final water accounts for all water delivered through the VEWH for 2013-14.

Annual watering booklet that describes all the watering that was completed in Victoria from all water holders. It includes volumes of water delivered per site and description of outcomes.

Annual watering options document that details all Priority Watering Actions for the VEWH.