



## Media Release

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### Lake Boga receives water

Water will flow into Lake Boga this afternoon as part of its future role as one of the lakes forming the Victorian Mid-Murray Storage.

Goulburn-Murray Water Executive Manager Water Resources, Graeme Hannan said 500 megalitres of water each day would flow into Lake Boga.

“Water into Lake Boga is part of the Mokoan Decommissioning Project and is important in order to regulate flows coming from the Broken River to offset demands on upper Murray resources,” Mr Hannan said.

“It is anticipated that the initial event will provide up to 10,000 ML of water which will take the lake to about 1 metre deep”.

“G-MW will be looking to bring the lake to full supply level when further opportunities arise”.

The timing of the first water has always been dependent on flow conditions in the River Murray and the current combination of circumstances provides an opportunity for the first fill.

“The rain last weekend has created a wet lake bed and will help reduce the initial filling losses and the short term increases in flows from the Ovens, Broken and Goulburn rivers has helped to create more ideal conditions for Lake Boga to receive water,” Mr Hannan said.

“Recent improvements in water availability in the Darling River and in Lake Victoria means that the timing is right to divert water to Lake Boga”.

“Water will be bought through the Torrumbarry Weir while there is channel capacity available for the Lake Boga flow while the irrigation demand remains low,” Mr Hannan said.

“The combination of these factors provides a short term window of opportunity which emerged rapidly and a decision was necessary to act quickly or lose the opportunity,” Mr Hannan said.

Lake Boga has a capacity of 41,000 MLs and became dry in February 2008.

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