

## **Water Act 1989**

### **PERMISSIBLE CONSUMPTIVE VOLUME GROUNDWATER AMENDMENT ORDER 2025**

I, **Hon Gayle Tierney MP**, Minister for Water, as Minister administering the **Water Act 1989**, make the following Order:

**1. Citation**

This Order is called the Permissible Consumptive Volume Groundwater Amendment Order 2025 (this Order).

**2. Authorising provision**

This Order is made under section 22A of the **Water Act 1989** and section 27 of the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984**.

**3. Commencement**

This Order comes into operation on the date it is published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

**4. Definitions**

In this Order a reference to the PCV Groundwater Order 2024 is a reference to the Permissible Consumptive Volume Groundwater Order 2024, dated the 12 July 2024 published in the Government Gazette G30 on 25 July 2024 (page 1490-1499).

**5. Purpose**

The purpose of this Order is to amend the PCV Groundwater Order 2024 to provide for dewatering activities within the Moorabbin Groundwater Management Area associated with the Suburban Rail Loop infrastructure projects.

**6. Amendment of Clause 5 “Definitions”**

In clause 5 of the PCV Groundwater Order 2024 **insert** –

**‘dewatering’** refers to the process of removing groundwater for the purpose of lowering the groundwater level within an aquifer.

**‘Suburban Rail Loop infrastructure projects’** means works undertaken or engaged to be undertaken by the Suburban Rail Loop Authority within the Moorabbin Groundwater Management Area.

## **7. Amendment of Clause 7 “Permissible Consumptive Volumes”**

**7.1** In sub-clause 7.1(b)(iv) of the PCV Groundwater Order 2024 **substitute** –

“(iv) that must be returned subject to the conditions on that licence.”

**with**

“(iv) that must be returned subject to the conditions on that licence; and”

**7.2** In sub-clause 7.1(b) of the Permissible Consumptive Volume Groundwater Order 2024 after 7.1(b)(iv) **insert** –

“(v) for the Moorabbin Groundwater Management area only, to take groundwater for the purpose of dewatering in relation to Suburban Rail Loop infrastructure projects where the total cumulative volume of take from all section 51 licences issued for this purpose do not exceed 800 megalitres per water season until 31 December 2031.

Dated: 20/06/2025



**Gayle Tierney MP**

Minister for Water