

Media Release

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WATER RELEASED IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad has welcomed news from the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder that 20 GL of water will be released for sale in Northern Victoria.

Mr Broad has been a strong advocate of releasing environmental water to assist fodder production during the drought; he said the sale is a step in the right direction.

“This will be small parcels of water available to those finishing off their winter based pastures across the Goulburn Valley,

Growing fodder and finishing off these pastures is vital to getting the feed to those farmers who desperately need it across New South Wales and Queensland, as well as setting us up on Victorian soil for the spring ahead,” Mr Broad said.

“Ideally I would like to see 30 GL released for sale, this could be in the form of an additional 10 GL down the track, to enable more farmers to purchase water across the region but still meet our environmental needs.”

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Office has announced the sale will open at 10:00am Monday 3 September, closing at 2:00pm Wednesday 5 September.

Irrigators will be able to make a minimum bid of 5 ML and a maximum bid of 500 ML.

“This is a very positive step in trying times for a lot of the country, I commend the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder for enabling this sale and I look forward to some positive outcomes for our hard working Aussie farmers.”

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