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STATEMENT OF AMENDMENT OF THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL'S RIVER RED GUM FORESTS INVESTIGATION FINAL REPORT

I, Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, and Minister responsible for administering the **Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001** (the Act), under section 26 of the Act amend the Government response to recommendation H2 in the *Victorian Government Response to Victorian Environmental Assessment Council's River Red Gum Forests Investigation Final Report July 2008* published in Government Gazette No. G 11 on 12 March 2009 at pages 596–632.

Recommendation H2 provided general recommendations for water distribution and drainage areas. The Government response to this recommendation was 'Subject to its responses to the general and thematic recommendations, the government supports the general recommendations for water production, drainage and distribution areas'.

Under section 26(3)(b) of the Act, the particulars of the amendment to the Government response to recommendation H2 are:

Subject to its responses to the general and thematic recommendations, the government supports the general recommendations for water production, drainage and distribution areas except for the Brickworks Billabong.

The Brickworks Billabong be:

- a) used for activities permitted by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or Parks Victoria; and
- b) used for the protection of natural and cultural heritage values; and
- c) temporarily reserved under the **Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978** for public purposes and be managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or Parks Victoria.

Under section 26(3)(c) of the Act, the reason for the amendment is to enable Brickworks Billabong to be managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or Parks Victoria in a manner that is consistent with the surrounding public land and to exclude incompatible activities such as hunting.

Dated 12 October 2018

HON. LILY D'AMBROSIO MP
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

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