

Fact Sheet



Kiewa Groundwater Management Area

Background

Goulburn Murray Water (GMW) proposes to establish the Kiewa Groundwater Management Area (GMA). It will cover the Kiewa River catchment from the Bogong High Plains to Wodonga, including the Yackandandah and Running Creek catchments. A Local Management Plan will be developed to describe how local groundwater resources are managed in the Kiewa GMA.

What will a Local Management Plan do?

The Local Management Plan will clearly document management objectives and water sharing arrangements for all users and the environment.

The intent of this Local Management Plan (the Plan) is to:

- Provide greater flexibility and certainty to groundwater users through transparent, cost effective and adaptive management rules;
- Support the sustainable development of groundwater resources; and
- Ensure environmental values supported by the region's groundwater are maintained.

How will the Local Management Plan affect current groundwater licence holders?

The Plan will document rules which clearly explain how groundwater licence holders can maximise the use of their entitlements.

The rights of existing licence holders will be recognised in the Plan. There will be no reduction in groundwater entitlement.

How will the Plan consider the environment?

The impacts of groundwater pumping on surface water systems, groundwater dependent ecosystems and groundwater quality will be

considered and addressed during the development of the Plan.

Who will be consulted?

The Plan will be developed by GMW in consultation with the Department of Environment and Primary Industries, the North Central Catchment Management Authority, Local Government, Urban Water Authorities, groundwater users and local communities.



Kiewa River, upstream Mt Beauty

Your views are important

GMW is keen to hear your views on important groundwater issues in the Kiewa valley region.

GMW is proposing to hold an initial community information meeting in August 2013 to explain the Plan process and to provide the community an opportunity for input. Further details will be provided in the local press prior to the meeting.

How can I find out more?

A draft plan will be available in late 2013 for comment. For further information, please refer to www.g-mwater.com.au or contact Faye Williamson on (03) 5826 3649.

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