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Mid Goulburn Groundwater Management Area

The Mid Goulburn Groundwater Management Area (GMA) extends from the foothills of the Great Dividing Range near Avenel to Wunghnu in the north and incorporates the towns of Nagambie, Tatura and Shepparton (shown on map overleaf).

Groundwater resources in this region are managed through the Mid Goulburn GMA Local Management Plan (the Plan).

Groundwater resources

Rainfall recorded in the Mid Goulburn GMA in 2019/20 was above average, however, groundwater levels remained relatively stable.

Groundwater level and rainfall charts are provided overleaf.

Groundwater licensed volume and use

The licensed groundwater entitlement volume (licensed volume) in the Mid Goulburn GMA is 12,374.9 megalitres per year (ML/yr) (Table 1). The permissible consumptive volume (PCV) in the Mid Goulburn GMA is 12,470 ML. No licensed volume can be issued in excess of the PCV.

Table 1. Groundwater licensed volume, zone caps and recorded use in the Mid Goulburn GMA

Management zone	Zone cap/ PCV (ML/yr)	Licensed volume (ML/yr)	Recorded use (ML)
1070 Kialla	8,000	6,350.9	2,168.5
1071 Nagambie	8,000	6,024.0	1,860.0
Total	*12,470	12,374.9	4,028.5

*Note: PCV is not equal to sum of zone caps. PCV cannot be exceeded.

Recorded use in the Mid Goulburn GMA in 2019/20 was 4,028.5 ML, 33 per cent of total licensed volume (Figure 1).

Total recorded use in 2019/20 was five per cent lower than the volume used in 2018/19.

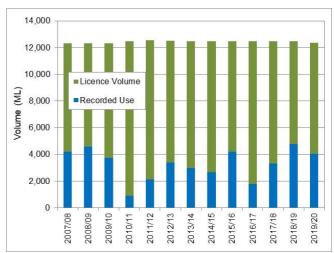


Figure 1. Annual recorded use as a proportion of licensed volume in the Mid Goulburn GMA

Groundwater trading

Licence holders may transfer licensed volume on a temporary or permanent basis, within or between management zones, provided zone limits documented in the Plan are not exceeded.

In 2019/20, five permanent transfers totalling 265 ML were undertaken. One temporary transfer was undertaken in 2019/20.

Looking to buy or sell licensed volume?

Watermatch is an online forum where licence holders can advertise their interest to buy or sell licensed volume; either groundwater or unregulated surface water.

Visit www.watermatch.com.au

Carryover

Licence holders may carryover up to a maximum of 20 per cent of their unused licensed volume in the Mid Goulburn GMA. A total of 2,298.5 ML of carryover is available for use by Mid Goulburn GMA customers in 2020/21.

Where can I get more information?

You can download a copy of the Plan from the Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) website at www.gmwater.com.au, or phone 1800 013 357.

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