

ACHERON RIVER CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



1. Catchment Information

The Acheron River joins the Goulburn River downstream of Lake Eildon and upstream of Goulburn Weir, near the township of Acheron and encompasses an area of approximately 738 km². The mean annual flow out of the Acheron River catchment is approximately 338,900 ML/yr. The Acheron River catchment is predominantly cleared in the lower catchment, while the upper catchment contains cleared alluvial valleys, surrounded by forested mountains. High value environmental assets in the catchment include the Cathedral Range State Park and the Steavenson Falls. The Goulburn Broken Regional River Health Strategy lists the Acheron River as a high value asset as it is classed as an environmental site of significance.

The catchment is bound to the east by the Rubicon River catchment and the west by the Yea River catchment. Significant tributaries of Acheron River include Connellys, Dip, Health, Cerberus Wilks, and Andrews Creeks, and the Taggerty, Steavenson, and Little Rivers. The main townships within the catchment are Marysville, Buxton and Taggerty.

2. Management of Licences

| Restriction Stages | Trigger Values for Introduction of Next Stage of Restriction | Percent Restrictable Demand |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Stage 3 (Roster) | <= 60 ML/day | 50% |
| Stage 5 (Suspension) | <= 30 ML/day | 100% |

Note: Restrictions are implemented during dry periods prior to flows reducing to the trigger value. For example, if a river flow is reducing rapidly, a higher stage or suspension will be put in place before the trigger level is reached to provide for adequate flow for domestic and stock use and the environment.

3. Compliance Point

There is a surface water monitoring station located at Taggerty, and is the Acheron River @ Taggerty gauge.

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Acheron River and Tributaries

| Licence Type | Number of Licences | Volume (ML) |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Irrigation | 240 | 6032.6 |
| Registered Dams | 48 | 792.1 |
| Total | 288 | 6824.7 |

5. Additional Information

Stream codes and sustainable diversion limit zones are provided within this document for identification purposes when discussing the catchment diversion management with Goulburn-Murray Water Officers.

Stream Codes

Stream codes used in the management of the Acheron and Tributaries:

4050201, 4050210, 4050220, 4050223, 4050227, 4050229, 4050232, 4050242, 4050249, 4050250, 4050255, 4050275, 4050277, 4050285, 4050288

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

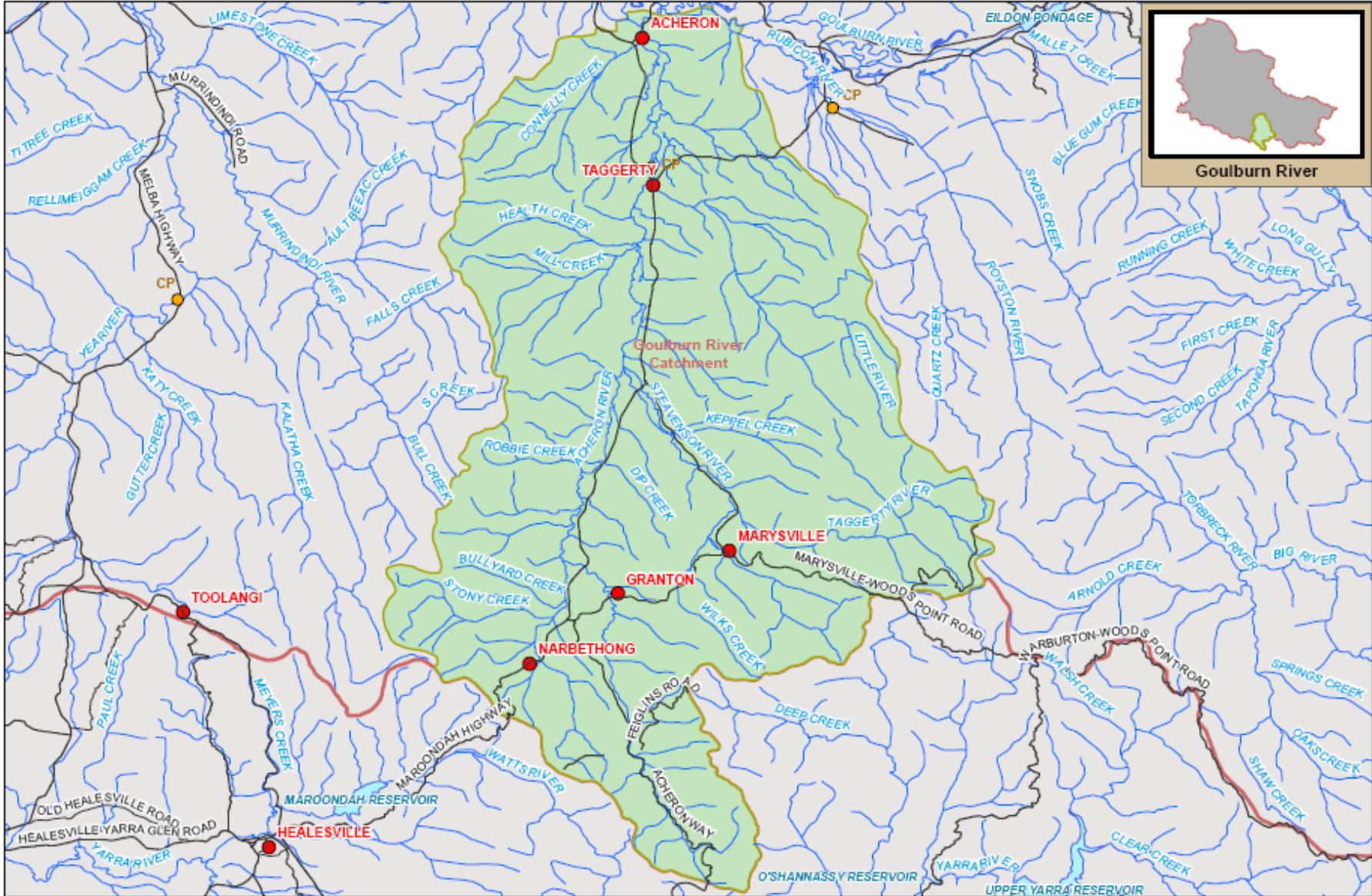
Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the Acheron catchment:

4050907, 4050906, 4050905, 4050904, 4050903, 4050902, 4050901

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