

# AXE CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



## 1. Catchment Information

The Axe Creek flows into the Campaspe River approximately 4km downstream of Axedale, and encompasses an area of approximately 323 km<sup>2</sup>. The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Axe Creek catchment is approximately 18,610 ML/yr. The North Central River Health Strategy lists the Axe Creek as a priority reach as it is considered to be a representative of the Victorian Northwest uplands river regions. Key issues identified within the catchment are in-stream barriers, exotic flora, stock access, water quality, degraded riparian vegetation and introduced fauna.

The catchment is bound to the east by the Campaspe River catchment and the west by the Loddon River catchment. Significant tributaries of Axe Creek include Sweenies, Sheepwash, Emu, and Splitters Creeks. The main townships within the catchment include Sedgwick, Strathfieldsaye, Axedale and Mandurang. The Axe Creek catchment is made up of dryland farming, low density housing and forest reserves.

## 2. Management of Licences

Restriction Triggers for each stage of restriction.

| Restriction Stages   | Trigger Values for Introduction of Next Stage of Restriction | Percent Restrictable Demand |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Stage 5 (Suspension) | <=3 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

The monitoring of the surface water flows in Axe Creek is undertaken at the Axe Creek @ Longlea gauging station.

## 4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Axe Creek and Tributaries

| Licence Type    | Number of Licences | Volume (ML)   |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Irrigation      | 16                 | 144.1         |
| Registered Dams | 62                 | 1182.3        |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>78</b>          | <b>1326.4</b> |

## 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 Axe Creek and Tributaries:

4060270      4060250      4060210

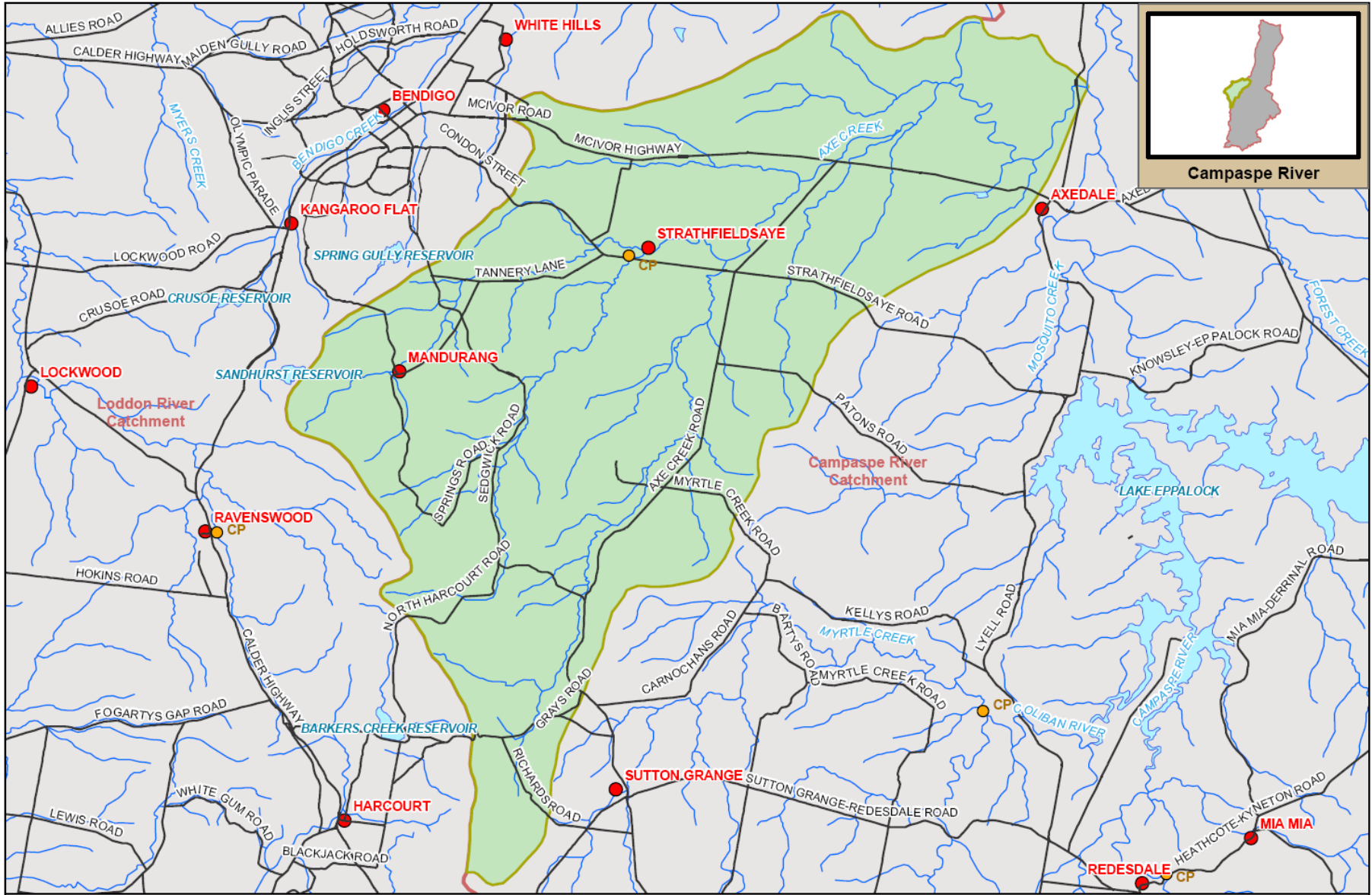
### Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

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

4060301      4060302      4060303  
4060304      4060305

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**AXE CREEK SUB CATCHMENT**  
Campaspe River Catchment

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