CHERRY TREE CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



1. Catchment Information

The Cherry Tree Creek flows into the Kiewa River approximately 7km south of Kergunyah and encompasses an area of approximately 14 km². The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Cherry Tree Creek catchment is approximately 3,070ML/yr. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Lower Kiewa River tributaries as high value assets as they contain Mountain Galaxias. Key issues identified are stock access to the creeks, exotic flora, degraded riparian vegetation, bed instability, bank erosion, water quality and loss of stream habitat.

The Cherry Tree Creek Catchment is predominantly forested within the upper catchment, and cleared for dryland farming in the lower catchment. Flows in the catchment of Cherry Tree Creek are seasonal, with flow ceasing during dry periods. The catchment is bound to the south by the Glen Creek catchment, the east by the Kiewa River catchment and to the north by the Hellhole Creek catchment.

2. Management of Licences

Restriction Triggers for each stage of restriction

Restriction Higgers for each stage of restriction.			
Restriction	Trigger Values	Percent	
Stages	for Introduction	Restrictable	
	of Next Stage of	Demand	
	Restriction		
Stage 5	<=5 ML/day	100%	
(Suspension)			

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 stream is visually assessed at the Kiewa Valley Highway, just south of Kergunyah South.

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Cherry Tree Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	6	21.4
Total	6	21.4

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 Cherry Tree Creek and Tributaries: 4020114

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the Cherry Tree catchment: 4020007

