

# HOWQUA RIVER CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



## 1. Catchment Information

The Howqua River flows into Lake Eildon just upstream of where the Mansfield – Woods Point Road crosses the Howqua Inlet and encompasses an area of approximately 382 km<sup>2</sup>. The mean annual flow out of the Howqua Catchment is approximately 184,100 ML/year. The Howqua River Catchment is predominantly a forested catchment and the upper reach makes up part of the Alpine National Park. The lower catchment is cleared along the river flats. The Goulburn Broken Regional River Health Strategy lists the Howqua River as a high value asset as it is classed as a Heritage River with high overall economic significance.

The catchment is bound to the south by the Jamieson River and to the north by the Delatite River catchment. Significant tributaries of Howqua River include South Buller, Little Buller, Dungeon, Stockyard, Lickhole and Black Dog Creeks. The main township within the catchment is Howqua.

## 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 3 (Roster)	<= 15 ML/day	50%
Stage 5 (Suspension)	<= 5 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 upstream of the Mansfield-Woodspoint Rd on the Howqua River Road. The site is called Howqua River @ Glen Esk.

## 4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Howqua River and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	20	169
Registered Dams	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>171</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 Howqua River and Tributaries.

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### Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the Howqua catchment.

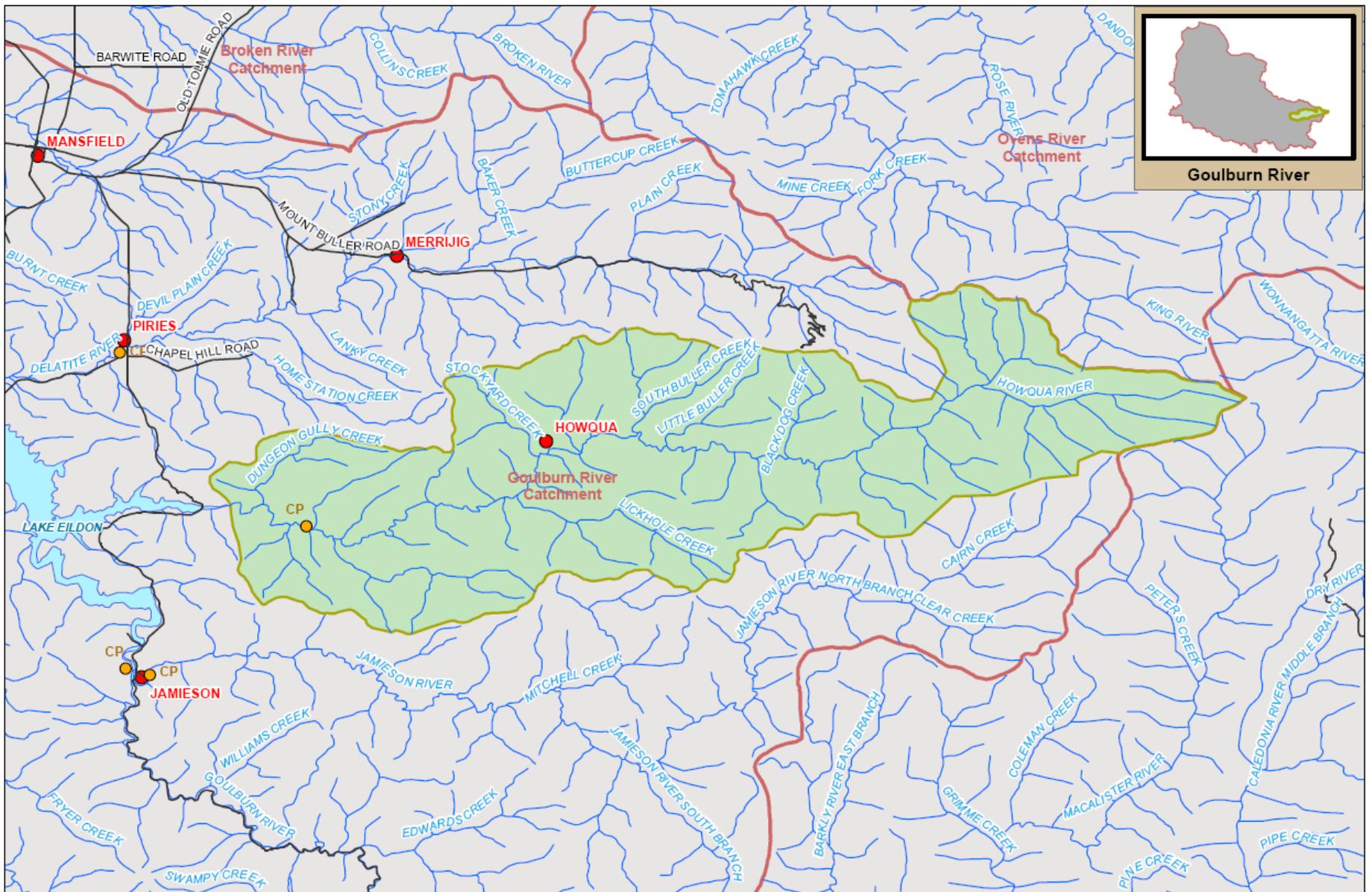
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Goulburn River Catchment

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