

# KIEWA RIVER MAIN STEM LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



## 1. Catchment Information

The Kiewa River flows into the Murray River, approximately 6 km upstream of Wodonga and encompasses an area of approximately 1,710 km<sup>2</sup>. The mean annual flow out of the Kiewa Catchment is approximately 788,700 ML/year. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Lower Kiewa River and Upper Kiewa River and tributaries as a high value asset as together they contain Mountain Galaxias and Murray Cod. Key issues identified are stock access to the creeks, exotic flora, degraded riparian vegetation, flow deviation, loss of in-stream habitats, sediment inputs, bank erosion, water quality and loss of stream habitat.

The catchment is bound to the west by the Ovens catchment and to the north by the Murray River. The main tributaries of the Kiewa catchment include the Yackandandah, Mountain, Running, Glen, and Middle Creeks and the Kiewa East River Branch. The main townships within the catchment include Mt Beauty, Kiewa, and Bandiana.

## 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 1 (Roster)     | 100 ML/day   | 0%                          |
| Stage 2              | 80 ML/day  | 25%                         |
| Stage 3              | 70 ML/day  | 50%                         |
| Stage 4              | 60 ML/day  | 75%                         |
| Stage 5 (Suspension) | <=50 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 Kiewa, and is the Kiewa River @ Kiewa gauge (Station No. 402222).

## 4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Kiewa River and Tributaries

| Licence Type    | Number of Licences | Volume (ML)     |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Irrigation      | 140                | 11,481          |
| Registered Dams | 69                 | 1,921.2         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>209</b>         | <b>13,402.5</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 Kiewa River and Tributaries:

4020100                      4020146

### Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

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

4020010, 4020009, 4020008, 4020006, 4020005, 4020002, 4020104, 4020103, 4020102, 4020101

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Kiewa River Catchment

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