KINCHINGTON CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



1. Catchment Information

The Kinchington Creek flows into Yackandandah Creek approximately 5 km downstream of Yackandandah and encompasses an area of approximately 122 km². The mean annual flow out of the Kinchington Creek catchment is approximately 8,170 ML/year. 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 catchment is bound to the west by the Ovens River catchment and the east by the Kiewa River catchment. Significant tributaries of Kinchington Creek include Fish and Flaggy Creeks. The main township within the catchment is Osbornes Flat.

The Kinchington Creek catchment is predominantly cleared within the lower and middle catchment and supports dryland farming. The catchment is forested within the upper regions with some dryland farming in the creek valleys.

2. Management of Licences

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Restriction	Trigger Values	Percent	
Stages	for Introduction	Restrictable	
	of Next Stage of	Demand	
	Restriction		
Stage 5	<=3 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. Licences

Licence Allocation in Kinchington Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	4	105.5
Registered Dams	11	213
Total	15	318.5

4. Compliance Point

The flows in Kinchington Creek are visually assessed to 3 ML/day at Osbornes Flat Road.

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 Kinchington Creek and Tributaries: 4020148 4020124

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

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

4020402 4020403 4020404

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