

LITTLE SNOWY CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



1. Catchment Information

The Little Snowy Creek flows into the Mitta Mitta River at Eskdale, and encompasses an area of approximately 223 km². The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Little Snowy Creek catchment is approximately 55,780 ML/yr. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Lower Mitta Mitta River Tributaries Management Unit as it contains significant environmental values, including River Blackfish and Mountain Galaxias. Key issues identified within the catchment are exotic flora, loss of instream habitat and degraded water quality.

The catchment is bound to the west by the Kiewa River catchment and the east by the Mitta Mitta River catchment. Significant tributaries of Little Snowy Creek include Fluertys, Back, Boon, Diggers, Mount Elmo and Saxey Creeks. The main township within the catchment is Eskdale. The catchment is predominantly covered by State forest, while the valley floors are cleared for agriculture.

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	25 ML/day	0%
Stage 2	20 ML/day	25%
Stage 3	15 ML/day	50%
Stage 4	10 ML/day	75%
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

The Little Snowy Creek is visually assessed at the Omeo Highway at Eskdale.

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Little Snowy Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	40	1070
Registered Dams	8	84
Total	48	1154

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 Little Snowy Creek and Tributaries:
4010248, 4010204, 4010220, 4010264

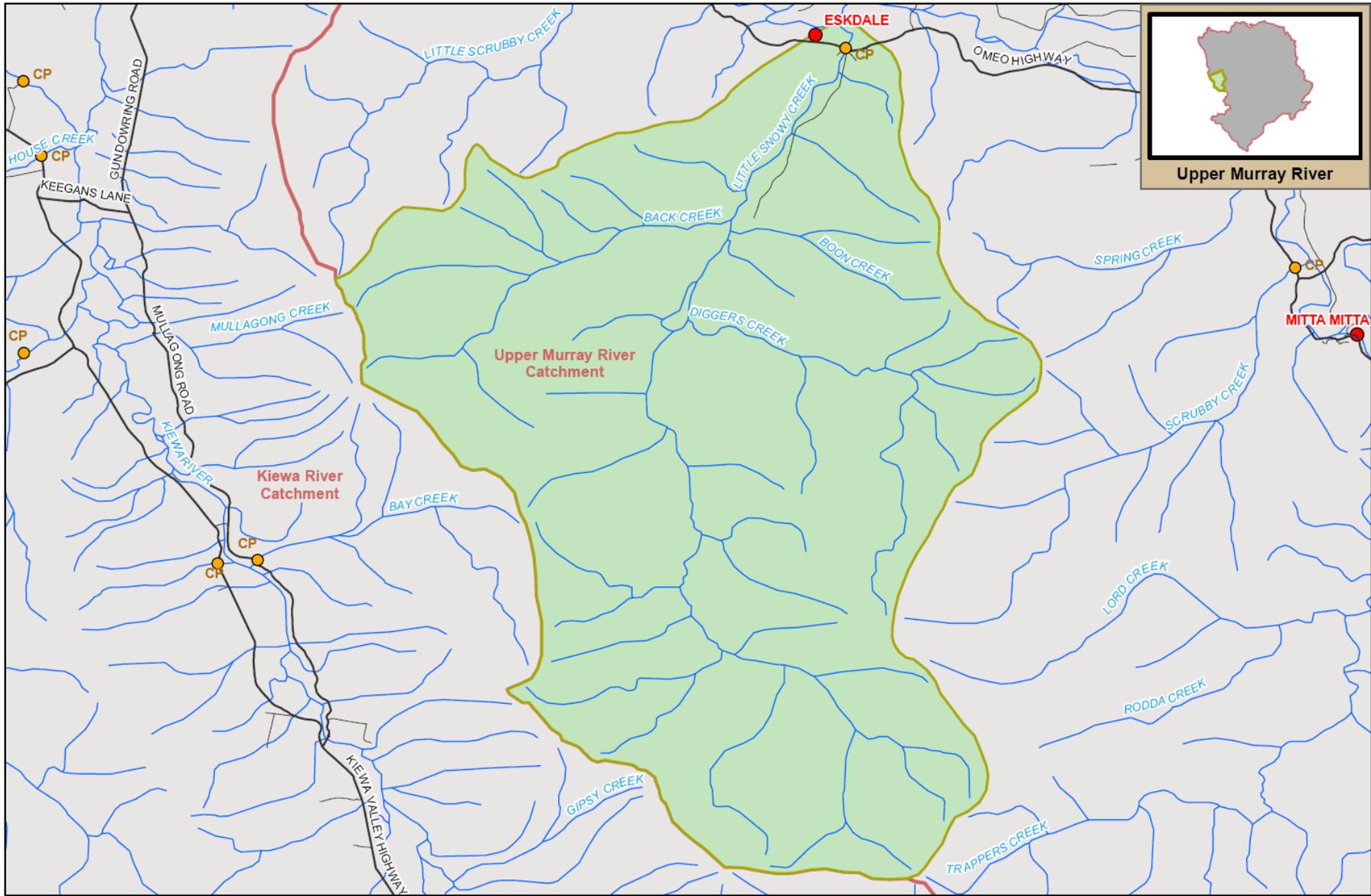
Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the Little Snowy Creek catchment:
4010401

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