LOCKHART CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES

1. Catchment Information

The Lockhart Creek flows into Sandy Creek approximately 4km upstream of Lake Hume, and

encompasses an area of approximately 35 km². The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Lockhart Creek catchment is approximately 7,660 ML/yr. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Lake Hume Tributaries Management Unit as it contains significant environmental values, including Murray Spiny Cray, Mountain Galaxias and Bluenose Cod. Key issues identified within the catchment are exotic flora, stock access, sediment input, barriers to fish migration and water quality.

The catchment is bound to the west by the Kiewa River catchment and the east by the Mitta Mitta River catchment. Lockhart Creek has no significant tributaries or townships within its catchment. The Lockhart Creek catchment is predominantly cleared in the lower and middle catchment supporting the dairy and dryland farming industries. The upper catchment is forested in the steep hills, becoming cleared in the creek valleys.

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 5 (Suspension)	<= 2 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

Lockhart Creek is visually assessed to 2 ML/Day at Lockharts Gap Road.

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Lockhart Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	8	202.8
Registered Dams	5	317
Total	13	519.8

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 Lockhart Creek and Tributaries: 4010252

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the Lockhart Creek catchment: 4010804

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