# MYRTLE CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES

# 1. Catchment Information

The Myrtle Creek flows into the Coliban River approximately 3km upstream of Lake Eppalock, and

encompasses an area of approximately 125 km<sup>2</sup>. The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Myrtle Creek catchment is approximately 9,980 ML/yr. The North Central River Health Strategy lists the Myrtle Creek as part of the Coliban program area. Key issues identified within the catchment are exotic flora, stock access, water quality, degraded riparian vegetation and introduced fauna.

The catchment is bound to the east by the Campaspe River catchment and the west by the Loddon River catchment. The main township within the catchment is Sutton Grange. The catchment is predominantly cleared supporting dryland farming and viticulture. Some small forested areas occur throughout the catchment which includes the Pilchers Bridge Nature Conservation Reserve, Mount Alexander Regional Park and the Hawkestone Bushland Reserve.

## 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)	<=3 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 Myrtle Creek is visually monitored to 3 ML/Day upstream of its junction with the Coliban River.

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### 4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Myrtle Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	4	30
Registered Farm	6	103
Dams		
Total	10	133

### 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 Myrtle Creek and Tributaries: 4060148

#### Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the Myrtle Creek catchment: 4060111 4060112

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