PINCHGUT & ROCKY LEAD CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES

1. Catchment Information

The Pinchgut and Rocky Lead Creeks flow into Bullarook Creek which just north of Long Swamp Road, and

encompasses an area of approximately 42 km². The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Creeks catchment is approximately 2,960 ML/yr. The North Central River Health Strategy lists the Upper Loddon (western tributaries above Laanecoorie) Program Area as it contains significant environmental values. These values include significant flora and fauna, invertebrates and wetland rarity. Key issues identified within the catchment are instream barriers (on stream dams), exotic flora, stock access, water quality, degraded riparian vegetation, bed erosion, bank erosion and introduced fauna.

The catchment is bordered to the West by the Bullarook Creek catchment and the east by the Upper Loddon River catchment. Both Rocky Lead and Pinchgut Creeks are the major tributaries of the Bullarook Creek above Newlyn Reservoir. The catchments are predominantly cleared, and support both irrigation and dryland farming.

2. Management of Licences

Restriction Triggers for each stage of restriction.

Restriction	Trigger Values	Percent
Stages	for Introduction	Restrictable
	of Next Stage of	Demand
	Restriction	
Stage 5	<=2 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. Compliance Point

The Pinchgut Creek is visually assessed to 2 ML/day. The compliance point is a staff gauge located at the Pinchgut Creek culvert running beneath Long Swamp Road, Newlyn.

The single compliance point is used to manage restrictions on Pinchgut and Rocky Lead Creeks due to the similarity in flow and low use on Rocky Lead Creek.

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Pinchgut and Rocky Lead Creeks.

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	3	290
Registered Dams	9	610
Total	12	900

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 Pinchgut and Rocky Lead Creeks: 4070160 4070164

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the Pinchgut and Rocky Lead catchments: 4070301 4070302

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