

RUNNING CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



1. Catchment Information

The Running Creek flows into the Kiewa River approximately 3 km upstream of Keegans Lane Bridge, and encompasses an area of approximately 132 km². The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Running Creek catchment is approximately 45,000 ML/yr. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Upper 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 Running Creek Catchment is predominantly cleared along the valley flats, supporting dairy, horticulture, and dryland farming industries. The upper catchments of the tributaries are predominantly forested. The catchment is bound to the west by the Ovens River catchment and the east by the Kiewa River catchment. Significant tributaries of Running Creek include Morgan, Smart and First Branch Creeks. The main township within the catchment is Kancoona.

2. Management of Licences

Restriction Stages	Trigger Values for Introduction of Next Stage of Restriction	Percent Restrictable Demand
Stage 1(Roster)	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

There is a surface water monitoring station located approximately 1km upstream of the Kiewa Valley Highway, which is Running Creek @ Running Creek (Station No. 402206).

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Running Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	23	839.8
Registered Dams	10	137.5
Total	33	977.3

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 Running Creek and Tributaries.

4020166 4020152

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

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

4020301

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