

SHEEP CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



1. Catchment Information

The Sheep Creek catchment is a tributary of Hellhole Creek and encompasses an area of approximately 6 km². The mean annual flow out of the Sheep Creek Catchment is approximately 1,100 ML/year. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Lower 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. Flows in the lower catchment of Sheep Creek are seasonal, with flow ceasing during dry periods.

The catchment is bound to the west by the Yackandandah Creek catchment and to the east by the Kiewa catchment. Sheep Creek does not contain any significant tributaries or townships. The majority of the catchment is forested, with only a small part of the lower catchment being cleared.

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)	<=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 stream is visually assessed at the Kiewa Valley Highway at Kergunyah South as it is managed as a tributary of Hellhole Creek.

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Sheep Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	4	22.8
Total	4	22.8

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 Sheep Creek and Tributaries.
4020170

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the Sheep Creek catchment:
4020009

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