BENDIGO CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



1. Catchment Information

The Bendigo Creek flows into Kow Swamp which is part of the Loddon River catchment. The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Bendigo Creek catchment is approximately 9,300 ML/yr.

The catchment is bound to the east by the Campaspe catchment and the west by the Loddon River. The main towns within the catchment include Huntly and Bendigo. Within the catchment the predominant industry is dryland farming.

The North Central River Health Strategy lists the Bendigo Creek as a priority waterway as it contains significant fauna, wetland rarity, observed invertebrates. The listed threats on the Bendigo Creek catchment include flow deviation, exotic flora, stock access and degraded riparian vegetation.

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	<=10 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.

The Bendigo Creek is monitored at the gauging station Bendigo Creek @ Minto, on Kelly's Rd.

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Bendigo Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	27	1135
Registered Dams	59	1165
Total	86	2300

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 Seven Creeks and Tributaries: 4070605, 4070152

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

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

4070504, 4070505, 4070506, 4070507, 4070508, 4070509

