SNOWY CREEK LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



1. Catchment Information

The Snowy Creek flows into the Mitta Mitta River approximately 15km downstream of Lake Dartmouth, and encompasses an area of approximately 425 km². The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Snowy Creek catchment is approximately 113 GL/yr. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Lower Mitta Mitta River Tributaries Management Unit as it contains significant environmental values, including River Blackfish and Mountain Galaxias. Key issues identified within the catchment are exotic flora, loss of instream habitat and degraded water quality.

The catchment is bound to the east by Lake Dartmouth and the west by the Little Snowy Creek catchment. The Snowy Creek catchment is predominantly forested while the valley floor is cleared for agriculture.

2. Management of Licences

Restriction Triggers for each stage of restriction.

restriction in 88crs for each stage of restriction					
Restriction	Trigger Values	Percent			
Stages	for Introduction	Restrictable			
	of Next Stage of	Demand			
	Restriction				
Stage 5	<= 5 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

Snowy Creek is assessed to 2 ML/Day at the gauging station Snowy Creek @ Granite Flat.

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Snowy Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	3	106
Total	3	106

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 Snowy Creek and Tributaries:

4010272 4010242

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

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

4010301 4010302