BLACK DOG CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES

1. Catchment Information

The Black Dog Creek flows into the Murray River, 8km downstream of Corowa, and encompasses an area of

approximately 635 km². The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Black Dog Creek catchment is approximately 41,420 ML/yr. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the River Murray Tributaries Management Unit as it contains significant environmental values, including Swampy Riparian Woodland and significant fauna. Key issues identified within the catchment are exotic flora, stock access, and degraded riparian vegetation.

The catchment is bound to the east by the Indigo Creek catchment and the west by the Ovens River catchment. Significant tributaries of Black Dog Creek include Gap, Bye, Diddah Diddah and Sprongs Creek. The main town ships within the catchment include Chiltern and Spinghurst.

The Black Dog Creek is an ephemeral stream which flows directly from hill country into dryland upper floodplain, then onto the Murray floodplain and into the Murray River.

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)	<=3 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

Flows are visually assessed at the Rutherglen-Springhurst Road Bridge and managed to 3 ML/day.

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Black Dog Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	17	382
Registered Dams	7	103
Total	24	485

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 Black Dog Creek and Tributaries. 4090208 4090228

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the Black Dog catchment: 4031001 4031002 4031003

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