FIFTEEN MILE CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES

1. Catchment Information

The Fifteen Mile Creek flows into the Ovens River, 8 km downstream of Wangaratta and encompasses an area

of approximately 475 km². The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Fifteen Mile Creek catchment is approximately 88,720 ML/yr. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Lower Ovens Tributaries Management Unit as they contain significant environmental values including Mountain Galaxias and River Blackfish. Key issues identified within the catchment are sediment inputs, degraded water quality, degraded riparian vegetation, cultivation and channel modification.

The catchment is bound to the north by the Ovens River and the east by the King River Catchment. Significant tributaries of Fifteen Mile Creek include Middle, Banks Vale, Backs, Three Mile and One Mile Creeks. The main townships within the catchment include Wangaratta, Glenrowan, Greta West and Greta South.

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 1 (Roster) | 20 ML/day | 0% |
| Stage 2 | 15 ML/day | 25% |
| Stage 3 | 10 ML/day | 50% |
| Stage 4 | 6 ML/day | 75% |
| Stage 5 | <= 3 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

The stream is assessed at the Wangarrata - Kifeera Rd Bidge at Greta South, which is downstream of the confluence of Middle and Fifteen Miles Creek. The surface water monitoring station used is called Fifteen Mile Creek @ Great South (Number: 403213).

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Fifteen Mile Creek and Tributaries

| Licence Type | Number of Licences | Volume (ML) |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Irrigation | 71 | 1648.7 |
| Registered Dams | 55 | 1645 |
| Total | 126 | 3293.7 |

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 FifteenMile Creek and Tributaries:40304304030440

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the Fifteen Mile Creek catchment: 4030801, 4030802, 4030803, 4030804, 4030805

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