

# HELLHOLE CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



## 1. Catchment Information

The Hellhole Creek flows into the Kiewa River at Kergunya South and encompasses an area of approximately 16 km<sup>2</sup>. The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Hellhole Creek catchment is approximately 2,970 ML/yr. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Lower Kiewa River tributaries as high value assets as they can 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.

The Hellhole Creek Catchment is predominantly cleared within the lower catchment with dryland farming being the major industry, while the upper catchment is mainly forested. The catchment is bound to the east by the Kiewa River catchment and to the west by the Yackandandah Creek catchment. The main tributary of Hellhole Creek is Sheep Creek.

## 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 Kergunya South.

## 4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Hellhole Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	6	26.8
Registered Dams	7	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>90.8</b>

## 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 Hellhole Creek and Tributaries:  
4020136

### Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

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

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