HORSE CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



1. Catchment Information

The Horse Creek flows into the Murray River approximately 10km downstream of Towong, and encompasses an area of approximately 26 km². The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Horse Creek catchment is approximately 8,800 ML/yr. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Walwa, Sandy and Cudgewa Creeks Management Unit as it contains significant environmental values, including Murray Cod, Mountain Galaxias and Bluenose Cod. Key issues identified within the catchment are exotic flora, stock access, degradation of riparian vegetation, degraded water quality and bed and bank erosion.

The catchment is bound to the east by the Murray River catchment and the west by the Cudgewa Creek catchment. The main township within the catchment includes Tintaldra. The Horse Creek catchment is predominantly cleared for dryland farming. Within the upper catchment, the area is covered by the Mount Mitta Mitta Regional Park.

2. Management of Licences

Restriction Triggers for each stage of restriction.

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Restriction	Trigger Values	Percent	
Stages	for Introduction	Restrictable	
	of Next Stage of	Demand	
	Restriction		
Stage 5	<= 2 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

Horse Creek is visually assessed to 2 ML/Day at the Murray River Road.

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Horse Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Domestic	4	8
Licences		
Total	4	8

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 Horse Creek and Tributaries:

4015148

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

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

4030410 4030406 4030405 4030403 4030402 4030401

