

# HOUSE CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



## 1. Catchment Information

The House Creek flows into the Kiewa River approximately 1.5km downstream of Keegans Lane Bridge, and encompasses an area of approximately 36 km<sup>2</sup>. The mean annual flow at the bottom of the House Creek catchment is approximately 19,450 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 House Creek Catchment is predominantly cleared within the lower catchment with dryland farming and dairy's being the major industries, while the upper catchment is mainly forested. Flows in the lower catchment of House Creek are seasonal, and are spring dependent during the summer. The catchment is bound to the east by the Kiewa River catchment and to the west by the Ovens River catchment.

## 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

House Creek is visually assessed at the Kiewa Valley Highway, Dederang.

## 4. Licences

Licence Allocation in House Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	25	431
Registered Dam	5	127
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>558</b>

## 4. 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 House Creek and Tributaries:

4020138

### Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

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

4020003

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