KIEWA EAST CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



1. Catchment Information

The Kiewa East Branch joins up with the Kiewa West Branch approximately 3km downstream of Mt Beauty and encompasses an area of approximately 264 km². The mean annual flow at the bottom of the Kiewa East catchment is approximately 391,490 ML/yr. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Upper Kiewa River tributaries as a high value asset as it contains 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 catchment is bound to the west by the Ovens River catchment and the east by the Big River catchment. Significant tributaries of the Kiewa East Branch include Bogong, Rocky Valley, Mountain, Tawonga Hut, McKay, Nelse and Faithful Creeks. The main townships within the catchment are Falls Creek, Bogong and Mount Beauty.

The Kiewa East Branch catchment is predominantly covered by the Alpine National Park encompassing a large area of forested land and the highland plains. Upstream of Falls Creek is the Rocky Valley Storage which makes up part of the system for the production of Hydro-electricity.

2. Management of Licences

Restriction Stages	Trigger Values for Introduction of Next Stage of Restriction	Percent Restrictable Demand
No Restriction	Flow Share Only, no minimum flow	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. Licences

Licence Allocation in Kiewa East and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	14	899
Registered Dams	2	21
Total	16	920

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 East Kiewa River and Tributaries.

4020144 4020154

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the East Kiewa catchment.

4020201, 4020202, 4020203, 4020204, 4020205, 4020206

