

YACKANDANDAH CREEK CATCHMENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT RULES



1. Catchment Information

The Yackandandah Creek flows into the Kiewa River approximately 6 km downstream of Kiewa and encompasses an area of approximately 401 km². The mean annual flow out of the Yackandandah Creek catchment is approximately 73,700 ML/year. The North East Regional River Health Strategy lists the Lower Kiewa River tributaries as high value assets as they 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 catchment is bound to the west by the Ovens River catchment and the east by the Kiewa River catchment. Significant tributaries of Yackandandah Creek include Kinchington, Nine Mile, Basin, Swampy, Back and Gap Flat Creeks. The main township within the catchment is Yackandandah. The Yackandandah Creek Catchment is predominantly cleared along the creek flats supporting dryland grazing and some dairies.

2. Management of Licences

Restriction Stages	Trigger Values for Introduction of Next Stage of Restriction	Percent Restrictable Demand
Stage 1 (Roster)	25 ML/day	0%
Stage 2	20 ML/day	25%
Stage 3	15 ML/day	50%
Stage 4	10 ML/day	75%
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

There is a surface water monitoring station located downstream of Osbornes Flat, which is Yackandandah Creek @ Osbornes Flat (Station No. 402204).

4. Licences

Licence Allocation in Yackandandah Creek and Tributaries

Licence Type	Number of Licences	Volume (ML)
Irrigation	23	362.6
Registered Dams	36	382
Total	59	742.6

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 Yackandandah Creek and Tributaries:
4020182 4020174

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones

Sustainable Diversion Limit zones used in the management of surface water trade within the Yackandandah catchment:
4020401, 4020402, 4020403, 4020404, 4020405, 4020406, 4020407

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