

Lang Lang River

1. Catchment and purpose

The Lang Lang River's main tributaries are the Pheasant, Minnieburn and the Little Lang Lang.

The purpose of these rules is to define how rosters and restrictions will operate in the catchment, along with general licensing principles.

2. Definitions

The Act	The <i>Water Act 1989</i>
D&S Licence	Licence to extract water for domestic and stock purposes
Direct Pumping Licence (DIR)	Licence issued under Section 51 of the Act that allows the extraction of water at any time of the year subject to restrictions
Domestic and Stock	As defined in the Act
DY Licence	Licence to extract water for dairy washing purposes
SRW	Southern Rural Water
Winterfill Licence	Licence issued under S 51 of the Act that allows extraction only during the months specified (usually 1 May to 31 October)

3. Licences

The Lang Lang River Catchment is licensed for the following volumes (megalitres)

Table 1 – Number and Volume (ML) of Licences Issued

Stream	Direct pumping No./Vol	Winterfill No./Vol	D&S No./Vol	DY No./Vol
Lang Lang	8 / 354	3/56	15	11 / 35.2
Minnieburn	7/280.1	15/601.2	4	6/15.4
Little Lang Lang	0/0	1/36	0	0
Totals	15/634.1	19/693.2	19/41.8	17/50.6

4. Principles and management of licences

1. Customers should not irrigate more than their licensed area
2. Restrictions are triggered by flow at the Heads Road gauging station on the Lang Lang River
3. Due to their size and nature there are no flow recorders on Minnieburn, Pheasant or Little Lang Lang – management is by site inspection and liaison with customers
4. The gauging station at Heads Rd is owned and operated by Melbourne Water. It is not known if there are any upgrades planned.
5. The majority of licences are direct stream licences, which are mainly used for irrigation, domestic and stock, and dairy.
6. Winterfill does not normally need to be restricted
7. There is a four stage roster for this river system
8. Stage 1 is “organised pumping for 12 hours per day on a 14 day roster” ie customers can pump for 12 hours but times are restricted to share flows evenly. Subsequent stages are reduced by 3 hours’ pumping time, each stage, until total ban level.
9. Rosters are updated as required. Information may be obtained by contacting local field officer Frankie Cramer on 5997 2145 or 0427 564 367

Table 2 - Trigger points for each stage of restriction

		Trigger flow MI/day				
	Site	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Ban
Lang Lang	Heads Road	6	5.25	4	3.25	2

5. Customer consultation

Meetings are held on an “as needs basis”

The purpose of the meetings is to inform of policy changes and to consult on management practices in the local area.

6. New licences and water entitlement transfers

Applications for new licences or for transfer of water entitlement shall be assessed according to the Act and SRW policy.

More information

For more information contact **1300 139 510**.