

Cudjee Creek

1. Catchment and purpose

These rules are for the entire Cudjee Creek catchment including its tributaries to the confluence with the Hopkins River.

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>
All-year licence	A licence issued under section 51 of the Act to take and use water either: (a) “direct” from a waterway, Section 51(1)(a) or (b) from a dam, spring or soak, Section 51 (ba), (c) from a dam, spring or soak recognized by a farm dam registration, section 51(1A) during any month of the year.
Average stream flow	The mean daily average stream flow calculated over any consecutive seven day period.
Registration licence	A licence issued under section 51(1A) of the Act.
SRW	Southern Rural Water.
Winter-fill licence	A licence issued under section 51(1)(a) or (ba) of the Act to take water from a waterway or dam during a winter-fill period.
Winter-fill period	The period between 1 July and 31 October in any year, unless stated in the conditions of earlier licences.

3. Licence allocation limit

Licence allocation limits define the maximum volume that licences may be transferred into, or held within, the catchment. Four allocations are set:

- **Cudjee Creek River Basin limit** - No further allocations will be issued in the Cudjee Creek or any of its tributaries except those licences issued under section 51(1A) of the Act, or for domestic and stock use.
- **Catchment allocation limit** - A maximum allocation of 1355.8 ML may be held within the catchment under all licence types (ie combined allocation of all year and winter-fill licences). This does not include allocations that have been transferred from amended licences issued under section 51(1A) of the Act.
- **All year licence allocation limit** - A maximum allocation of 1349.8 ML may be held under all year licences. This does not include allocations that have been transferred from amended licences issued under section 51(1A) of the Act.
- **Winter-Fill allocation limit** - a maximum allocation of 6.0 ML may be held under winter-fill licences. This does not include allocations that have been transferred from amended licences issued under section 51(1A) of the Act.

4. Rosters and restrictions

A five-stage restriction roster will start when the flow at the Cudgee Creek gauging station falls below 10 ML per day. Once restrictions are in place, diversions on sporadic converted licences are not allowed. Stages 2 – 4 are gradually implemented when the flows at Cudgee Creek gauging station fall below 7 ML/day. The restrictions are eased one stage at a time when the flows increase to 9 ML/day at the gauging station.

The restriction stages are:

Stage 1 - 100% of licensed daily maximum extraction rate as per licence

Stage 2 - 75% of licensed daily maximum extraction rate as per licence

Stage 3 - 50% of licensed daily maximum extraction rate as per licence

Stage 4 - 25% of licensed daily maximum extraction rate as per licence

Stage 5 - Irrigation ban

5. Customer consultation

Southern Rural Water will distribute roster information before enforcing stage 1.

Information will generally be mailed out prior to summer. Daily information on stage restrictions is available via message bank on **1300 365 607**. Licence holders must call the message bank before pumping to confirm the daily roster.

More information

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