

Main Creek

1. Catchment and purpose

Main Creek's major tributaries are Splitters Creek and Rockies Creek.

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
LAC	Southern Rural Water's Local Area Committee
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 Main Creek Catchment has the following licences

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

Stream	Direct pumping No./Vol	Winterfill No./Vol	D&S No./Vol
Main Creek	3/36	5/58	2/4.4
Rockies Creek	0/0	3/53	0/0
Splitters Creek	0/0	3/29.8	2/4.4
Totals	3/36	11/140.8	4/8.8

4. Principles and management of licences

1. Diversions are metered and customers should not use more than their licensed volume. Meters are generally read in December, January and June with random reading conducted as required.
2. Restrictions are triggered by flows at the Baldry's Road crossing of Main Creek and the Main Creek Road crossing for Splitters Creek.
3. Due to its size, accessibility and absence of summer licences, flows are not monitored for Rockies Creek – management is by site inspection and liaison with customers.
4. A flow recorder at the Boneo Rd crossing is no longer in operation but it is anticipated it will be recommissioned and upgraded to telemetric operation within the next three years.
5. It is anticipated that rosters will be invoked most years and bans are anticipated every one in three years
6. Winterfill does not normally need to be restricted.
7. Restrictions are based on a two-day cycle with irrigators restricted to a percentage of their daily extraction volume. Stage 1 is "organised pumping" ie customers can use 100% but times are restricted to share flows evenly. Subsequent stages are reduced by 25% each stage until total ban level.
8. Rosters are updated as required. Information may be obtained by contacting local field officer Geoff Sheather on 0411 107 810.

Table 2 - Trigger points for each stage of restriction

		Trigger flow Ml/day				
	Site	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Ban
Main Creek	Baldry's Rd	0.4	0.3	0.25	0.2	0.1
Splitters Creek	Baldry's Rd	0.2	0.15	0.13	0.1	0.05
Main Creek	Boneo Rd	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4

5. Customer consultation

SRW liaises with the LAC whose membership consists of customers from the catchment.

Meetings are generally held annually with special meetings as the need arises.

The purpose of the committee 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**.