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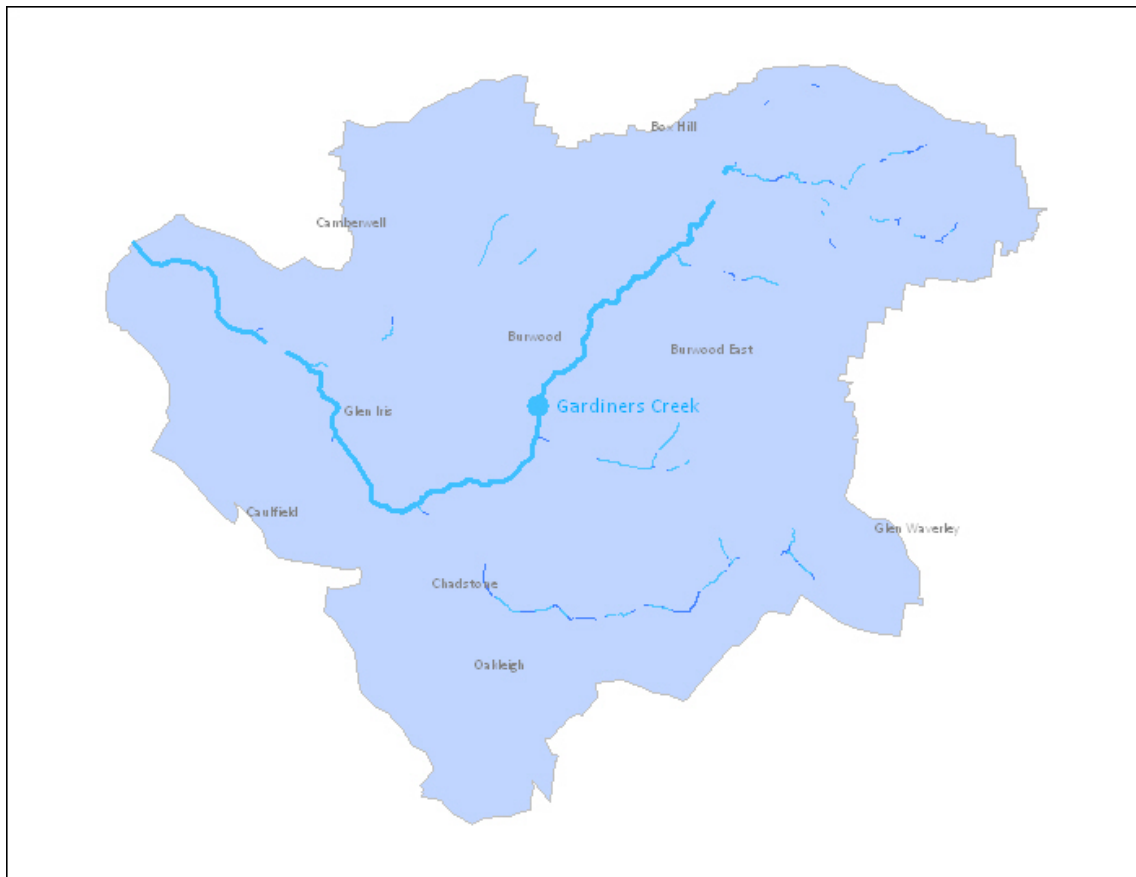
Drought Response Plan: Part B A Water Sharing Plan for Licenced Water Users in the: **Gardiners Creek catchment**

To be read in conjunction with Part A: A Water Sharing Plan for all Licensed Water Users 2016

1. Catchment Description

Gardiners Creek, including Scotchmans and Damper creeks, has a predominantly urban catchment. Although the system tends to rate poorly from an environmental perspective, the creeks support important species of native fish including common galaxias and climbing galaxias, water rats and the growling grass frog. Gardiners Creek has extensive network of bike paths, trails, recreation reserves and parks.

The map below shows the catchment:



Gardiners Creek catchment

2. Ban Triggers

Flow levels are monitored by gauges (data logging stations) that provide continuous flow readings. The data logging station for Gardiners Creek is located at [Gardiner \(229624\), Ashburton](#). The trigger levels for the Gardiners Creek catchment are as shown in the following table:

Period	Dates	Ban Trigger (ML)
Low Flow	1 Nov - 30 Apr	3.0
High Flow	1 –May - 31 Oct	5.0

Bans are implemented or lifted when a catchment-specific trigger has been met, based upon the seven day rolling average stream flow.

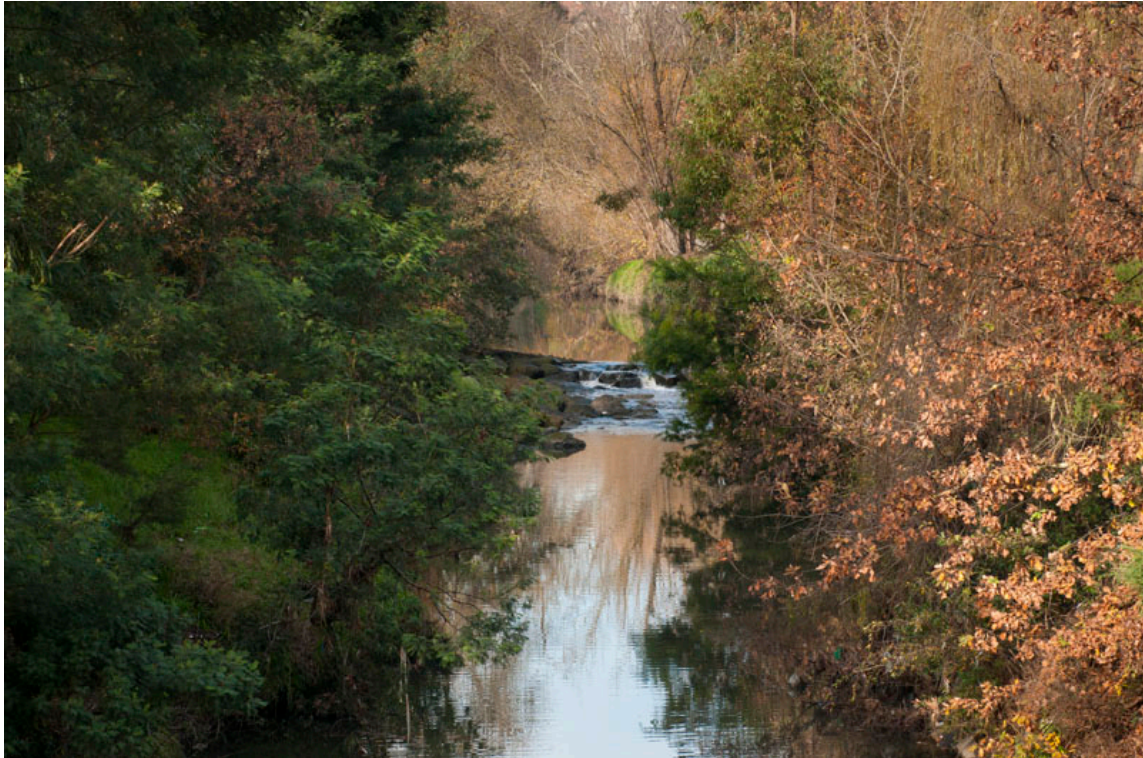


Gardiners Creek gauge site at Ashburton

3. Application of Plan

Irrespective of anything in this section, users must not exceed their annual allocation on their licence or take water outside of their authorised take period.

Active licence holders in the Gardiners Creek with allocations greater than 5ML are metered by Melbourne Water.



Gardiners Creek north of High Street

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