

Gazette Notice

Water Management Act 1999

Section 11 Exemption Order

Cease-to-take flow thresholds in the South Esk, Break O'Day, and St Pauls River Management Zones of the South Esk River catchment

I Jo Palmer, Minister for Primary Industries and Water, acting pursuant to section 11 of the *Water Management Act 1999* (the Act), hereby exempt all licensees with a water allocation authorising the taking of water in the South Esk, Break O'Day, and St Pauls River Management Zones in the South Esk River catchment (as shown in Figure 1), from the cease-to-take flow thresholds specified in Table 7 of section 5.1.1 of the *South Esk River Catchment Water Management Plan June 2013*.

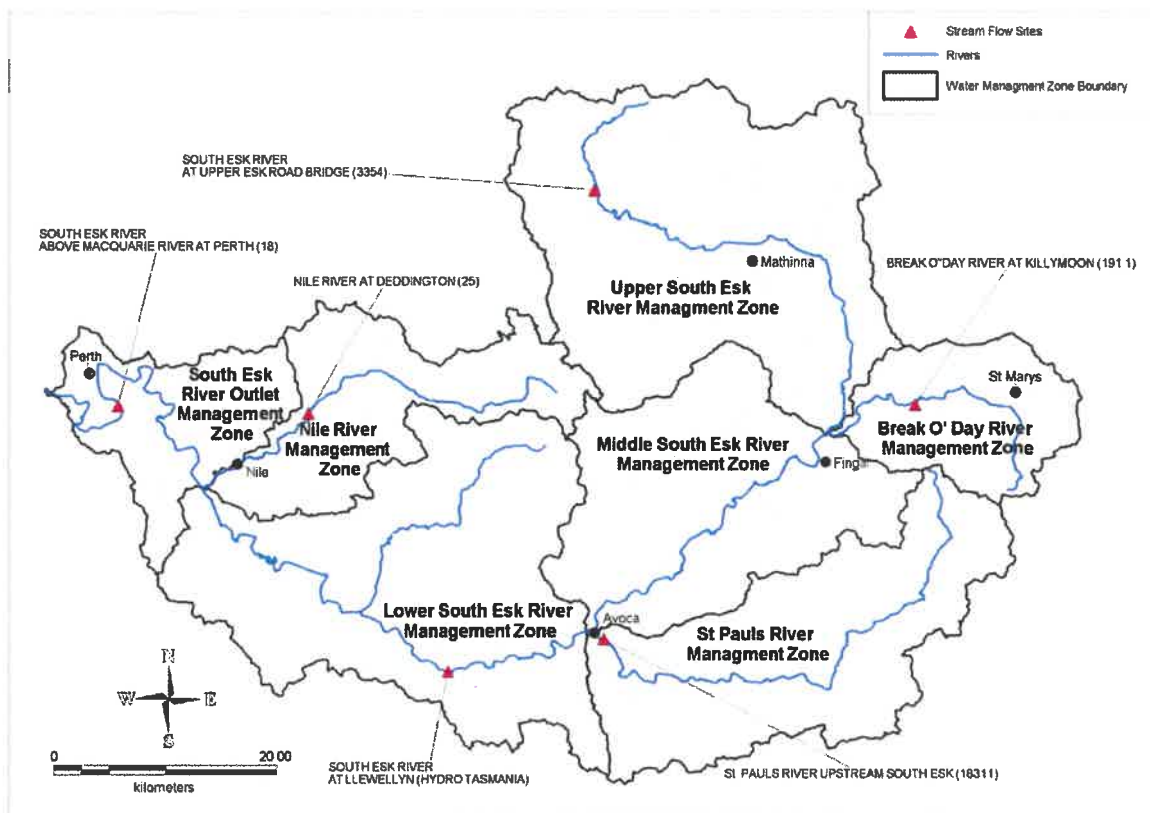


Figure 1. South Esk River Catchment

Persons to whom this exemption applies are subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The taking of water from a watercourse, in the South Esk, Break O'Day, and St Pauls River Management Zones other than for stock and domestic purposes through rights under Part 5 of the Act, and under Surety level 1 allocations will not be permitted when the measured flow drops to the thresholds set out in Table 1.

Table 1. Monthly cease-to-take (CTT) flow thresholds for the St Pauls River Management Zone, measured at St Pauls u/s South Esk River gauging station (Station #18311); and for, South Esk River and Break O’Day River Management Zones, measured at Hydro Tasmania’s Llewellyn gauging station (Station #150) in South Esk River catchment.

Month	CTTs (ML/day) St Pauls River Management Zone	CTTs (ML/day) South Esk River and Break O’Day River Management Zones
January	2	40
February	2	40
March	2	40
April	2	40
May	3	165
June	10	308
July	22	548
August	23	654
September	21	472
October	8	290
November	5	217
December	2	40

(2) All other requirements set out in the *South Esk River Catchment Water Management Plan June 2013* relating to the cease-to-take flow provision apply.

This exemption takes effect on the day upon which it is gazetted and remains in force until such time as the *South Esk River Catchment Water Management Plan, 2013* is reviewed and amended.

Expressions used in this exemption have the same meaning as in the Act.



Jo Palmer
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND WATER

Dated this 22/12/2022

Information

The purpose of this Order is to exempt licensees taking water in the South Esk, Break O’Day, and St Pauls River Management Zones in South Esk River Catchment Water Management Plan area from the requirements set out in Table 7 of the *South Esk River Catchment Water Management Plan June 2013*. A condition of the exemption is that licensees are subject to an alternative, lower cease-to-take flow threshold as specified in Table 1 of this Order.

The cease-to-take flow thresholds in the *South Esk River Catchment Water Management Plan June 2013* were based on conservative environmental flow assessments. Since the Plan took effect a more detailed scientific review of the winter cease-to-take thresholds for the South Esk, Break O’Day, and St Pauls River Management Zones has been undertaken, indicating that more water is available during the winter period (May to November inclusive) in these zones. The cease-to-take thresholds

for December to April inclusive are the same as those specified in the *South Esk River Catchment Water Management Plan June 2013*.

This exemption takes effect on the day upon which it is gazetted and remains in force until such time as the *South Esk River Catchment Water Management Plan, 2013* is reviewed and amended in accordance with the *Water Management Act 1999*, unless otherwise revoked.