Cockburn River Water Source

Water Source Context	River Flows
Area: 1130km²	Low Flow Index (50th%lle for flow days only).
Average Annual Rainfall: 675mm (Tamworth) – 800mm (Ranges) Upstream water source: n/a Down stream water source: Peel Regulated River Water Source	= 68 ML/d modelled estimate
	= 37 ML/d in Cockburn River @ Mulla Mulla Crossing
	(Modelled data used feet hydrological stress estimates.
	Flow Records:
	70 years of data from Cockburn River @ Mulla Mulla Crossing
	Note: 50th percentile of flow days only is used instead of the guideline 80th percentile of all flow days as this more accurately reflects the hydrological stress of these inland water sources.

Licensed Water Use

Total Entitlement = 4,488 ML + TWS of 120 ML = 4,608 ML

- 1 Town water supply licence for Moonbi and Kootingal from Cockburn River
- 78 Irrigation Licences = 4,240ML, 7 with domestic and stock component, = 37ML
- 4 Domestic and stock only licences = 23 ML
- 3 Industrial licences = 173ML, 1 with domestic and stock component = 5ML
- 2 "Farming" licences = 10ML

Background Information		ground Information
Water Source Attributes	Rating	Justification
Economic Significance of Irrigation	Medium	1% employment in agriculture. Medium Community dependence on extraction.
Risk to Instream Value (from extraction)	Medium	Instream values are moderately impacted by extractions within the water source.
Hydrologic Stress	High	Within Water source = High. Peak extraction demand exceeds available flows in summer.
Instream Value	High	 2 threatened fish species. — only concerned cat fish numbers 5 threatened frog species. 9 threatened bird species. 1 threatened reptile species. 2 threatened bat species. 2 endangered ecological communities. 1 threatened population.

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