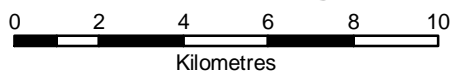


Legend

- Town
- River and Creek
- Road and Highway
- ⊙ Flow Reference Point
- Billabong Creek Management Zone
- Billabong Headwater Management Zone



Map 36- Upper Billabong Water Source





Name of Water Source:

Upper Billabong Water Source

Relevant Water Sharing Plan: The Water Sharing plan for Upper Billabong Water Source gazetted on 14 February 2003 and as amended by order gazetted 1 July 2004.

Description of Water Source Area:

The Upper Billabong Water Source is the area of land within the Murray Water Management Area as shown in Map 36, upstream of the Flow Reference Point on the confluence of the Billabong and Yarra Yarra Creeks (elevation 270m; grid reference 538271, 6053147, 1:100,000 Holbrook Map Sheet No.8326).

The Upper Billabong Water Source is divided up into two management zones:

(a) Billabong Headwater Management Zone

- The headwater zone encompasses the elevated eastern part of the water source and is fed by several major tributaries including Little Billabong Creek, Lunts Creek; Four Mile Creek and Four Post Creek. This zone covers the catchment area that extends west from ridge line within the Carabost State Forest (maximum elevation 689 metres; grid reference: 557135, 605970, 1:100,000 Rosewood Map Sheet No. 8426) south from the Kyeamba Range (maximum elevation 589 metres; grid reference: 555012, 6066640, 1:100,000 Rosewood Map Sheet No. 8426) and north from ridgeline with maximum elevation 600 metres, grid reference: 553458, 6045586, 1:100,000 Rosewood Map Sheet No. 8426 to the Little Billabong Bridge on the Hume Highway (elevation 290 metres; grid reference 543893, 6058596: 1:100,000 Holbrook Map Sheet No.8326).

The tributaries in this zone are primarily spring fed and tend to dry out during summer months, resulting in flows in these systems being ephemeral.

(b) Billabong Creek Management Zone

- The creek zone encompasses the less elevated western part of the water source and is only fed by two major tritirates, the headwaters of Billabong Creek and Forest Creek. This zone covers the catchment area downstream of the Little Billabong Bridge on the Hume Highway (elevation 290 metres; grid reference 543893, 6058596: 1:100,000 Holbrook Map Sheet No.8326) to the junction of the Billabong and Yarra Yarra Creeks (elevation 270m; grid reference: 538271, 6053147, 1:100,000 Holbrook Map Sheet No.8326) and includes the catchment area of Forest Creek which extends in a south easterly direction from of Black Ridge (maximum elevation 560 metres; grid reference: 535750, 6064719 1:100,000 Holbrook Map Sheet No.8326).

Definition of Waters Included:

The waters of the Upper Billabong Water Source include all water occurring on the land surface shown on Map 36, including but not limited to:

Four Mile Creek	Little Billabong Creek
Forest Creek	Lunts Creek
Four Post Creek	Splitters Creek

This definition also includes any lakes and wetlands in this water source.

The waters of this water source exclude all water contained within aquifers underlying this water source.
