

Eildon Groundwater Management Area

The Eildon Groundwater Management Area (GMA) extends from the Great Dividing Range north to Mansfield and Merton. It incorporates the towns of Mansfield, Jamieson, Bonnie Doon and Eildon – refer map overleaf.

Groundwater resources

Groundwater resources in the GMA are within two main aquifers: fractured bedrock and alluvial aquifers. The alluvial aquifers occur along waterways in the GMA.

There are no State observation bores currently monitoring groundwater levels in the GMA.

Historical records indicate that groundwater levels in both aquifers have been within five metres of the ground surface and fluctuate in response to rainfall.

Above average rainfall was recorded in the GMA during the 2023/24 water year - refer graph overleaf.

Groundwater licence volume and use

There is currently 537.0 megalitres per year (ML/yr) of groundwater licence entitlement volume (licence volume) in the GMA (Table 11). This is a decrease of 157.5 ML/yr from the 2022/23 year due to license volume surrendered.

Table 11. Licence volumes, use and limits for 2023/24

Management zone	Zone cap/ PCV (ML/yr)	Licence volume (ML/yr)	Recorded use (ML)
Alpine Southern Highlands Zone	1,060.0	173.0	48.0
Eildon Northern Highlands Zone	436.0	364.0	83.8
Total	1,496.0	537.0	131.8

Recorded use in the GMA in 2023/24 was 131.8 ML which is 25 per cent of total licence volume (Table 11). Groundwater use in 2023/24 decreased from 189.2 ML in 2022/23 (Figure 11).

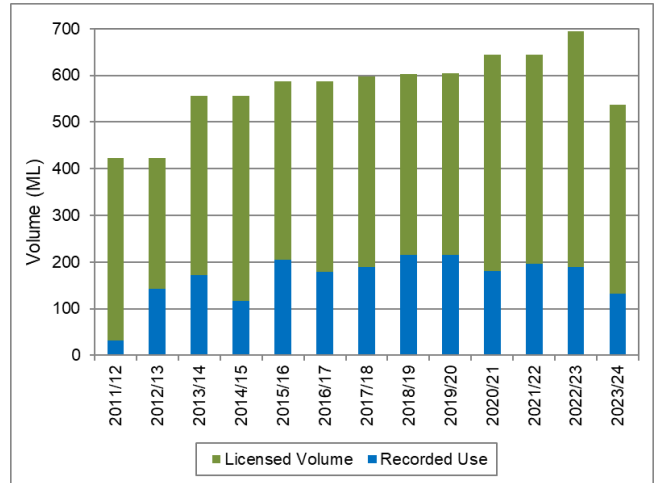


Figure 11. Annual recorded use as a proportion of licence volume

Licence transfers

Licence holders may transfer licence volume on a temporary or permanent basis, within the GMA or from other Groundwater Management Units, provided limits documented in the Eildon GMA Local Management Plan are not exceeded.

Licence compliance

In 2023/24, there were no prosecutions or convictions relating to groundwater matters in the GMA.

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) has a zero-tolerance approach to unauthorised take of non-urban water. Relevant actions, if required, are taken in accordance with GMW’s Risk-Based Compliance and Enforcement Framework.

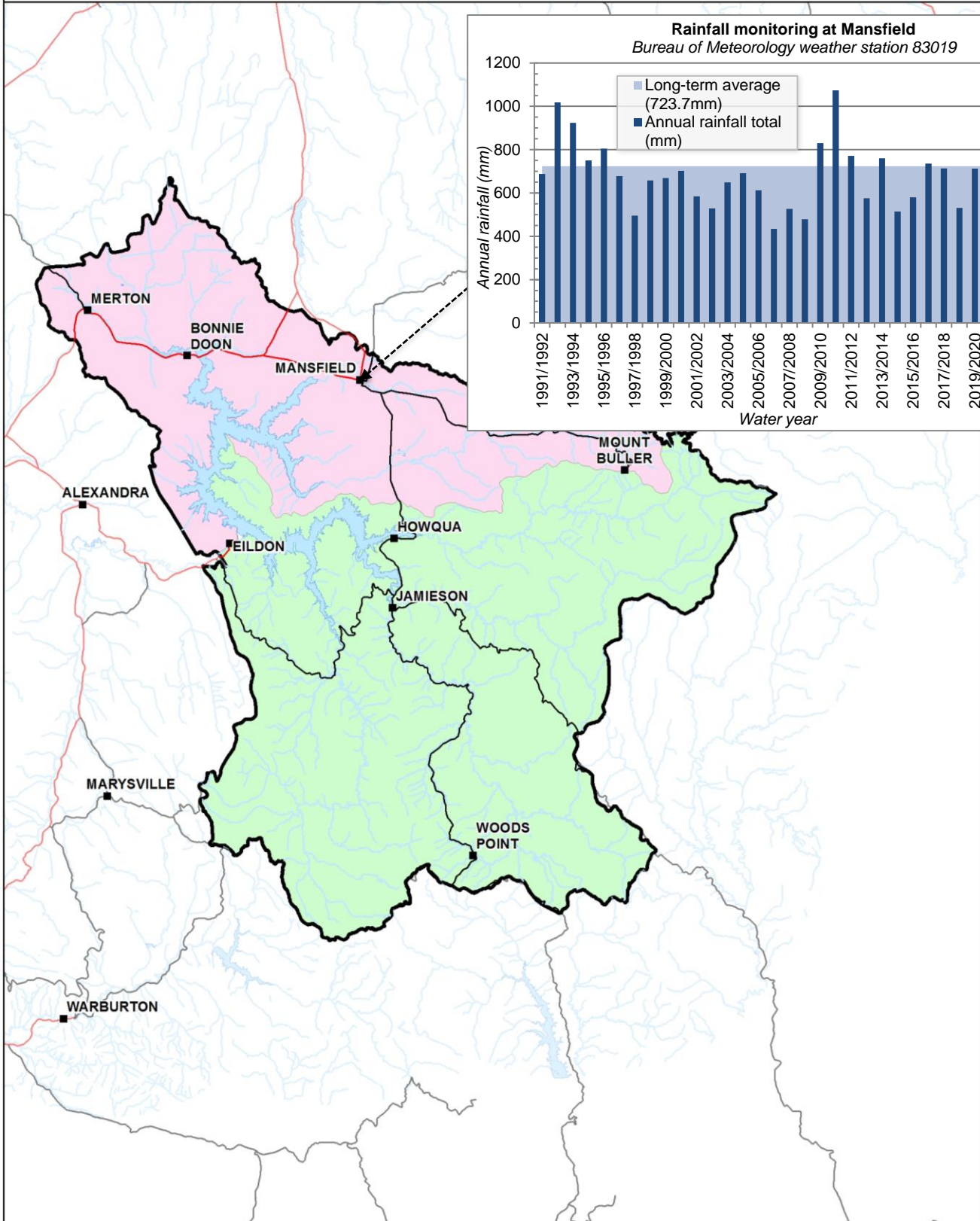
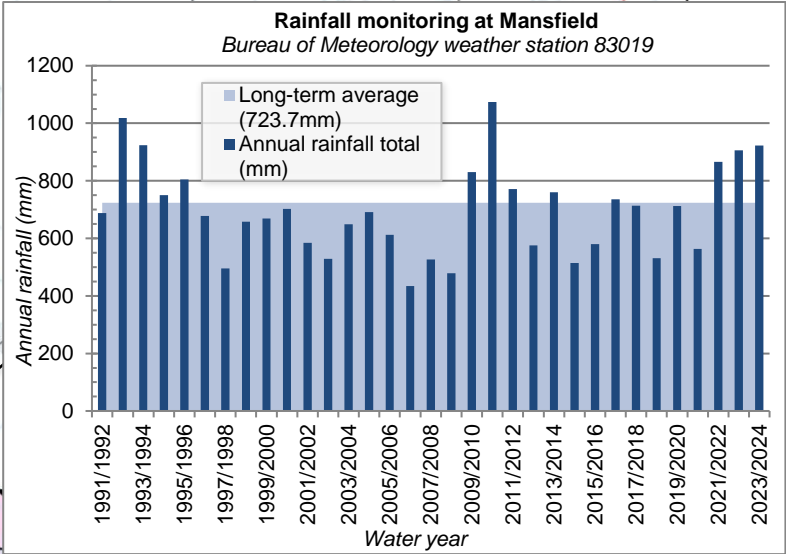
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