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Water allocations for the Namoi Valley

Department of Primary Industries Acting Deputy Director General Water, Michael Bullen, today announced available water determinations for water users in the Upper and Lower Namoi regulated river, Namoi unregulated and alluvial water sources and Upper and Lower Namoi groundwater for the new 2014/15 water year, commencing 1 July 2014.

For both the Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi regulated river water sources, local water utility and domestic and stock licence holders will receive 100 percent of entitlement. High security licence holders in both water sources will receive 100 percent of entitlement or 1 megalitre per unit share.

General security access licence holders in the Upper Namoi regulated river will receive an allocation of 100 percent of entitlement or 1 megalitre per unit share.

Lower Namoi regulated river general security access licence holders will not receive any allocation until water availability conditions improve. However, they will have access to an average of 32 percent of entitlement carried over from the previous water year, subject to the actual volume of carryover in each individual allocation account.

Delivery of water orders in 2014/15 will be challenging if anticipated dry conditions eventuate. It is likely that continuous delivery will be interrupted to reduce losses.

Storage levels at Split Rock Dam are currently at 20 percent, while Keepit Dam is at 18 percent.

Supplementary water access licence holders on the Lower Namoi regulated river will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Supplementary water access licence holders on the Lower Namoi Regulated River are reminded that water may only be diverted in accordance with announcements during declared supplementary access events.

The NSW Office of Water will continue to monitor rainfall and river inflows to determine when subsequent available water determinations can be made.

All water access licence holders covered by the Namoi unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan, will receive an allocation of 100 percent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Local water utility and domestic and stock licence holders who access water from the Upper and Lower Namoi groundwater sources will receive an allocation of 100 percent of entitlement.

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With the exception of the Upper Namoi groundwater Zone 1, all Upper and Lower Namoi aquifer access licence holders will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

In Upper Namoi Zone 1, Borambil Creek groundwater aquifer access licence holders will receive an allocation of 2.3 megalitre per unit share, while supplementary water access licence holders will receive an allocation of 0.16 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

In Zones 2, 3, 4 and 8 of the Upper Namoi and the Lower Namoi groundwater sources, supplementary water access licence holders will receive an allocation of 0.1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

In Zones 5, 11, and 12 of the Upper Namoi groundwater sources, supplementary water access licence holders will receive an allocation of 0.2 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

In Zone 7 of the Upper Namoi groundwater sources, supplementary water access licence holders will receive an allocation of 0.34 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Groundwater supplementary access licence holders are reminded that the maximum amount of water they are permitted to take under their supplementary water access licence from these water sources in a water year is the allocation resulting from the available water determination(s) for that water year.

Full allocations of 100 percent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement have also been made for water users covered by the water sharing plan for the Phillips Creek, Mooki River, Quirindi Creek and Warrah Creek water sources.

Additional information on Available Water Determinations can be found on the NSW Office of Water's website at - www.water.nsw.gov.au

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