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Commencing water allocations for the Namoi Valley

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced Available Water Determinations for surface water users in the Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi Regulated River for the new 2012/2013 water year.

The new water year began on 1 July 2012.

For both the Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi, local water utility, domestic and stock licence holders will receive 100 per cent of allocation. High security licence holders will all receive 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

General security access licence holders on the Upper Namoi will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share or 100 per cent of entitlement.

Lower Namoi regulated river general security licence holders have access to water carried over from the previous water year. This means that these licence holders will have access to an average of 185 per cent of entitlement, subject to the actual volume of carryover for each individual.

Supplementary water access licence holders will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share.

Keepit Dam has remained at near full capacity over the past twelve months, with the current storage level at 99 per cent.

Split Rock Dam has a current storage capacity at 83 per cent, a significant improvement from 20 per cent at this time last year.

Full allocations 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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