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Commencing water allocations for the Upper and Lower Namoi groundwater sources

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced commencing for groundwater sources in the State's north-west for the new 2012/2013 water year.

The new water year began on 1 July 2012.

An allocation has been made for each category of access licence for the water sharing plan for the Upper and Lower Namoi groundwater sources. Local water utility and domestic and stock licence holders will receive a 100 per cent allocation.

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

In Zone 1, Borambil Creek groundwater source, of the Upper Namoi groundwater sources, aquifer access licence holders will receive a 2.3 megalitre allocation per unit share and supplementary water access licence holders will receive a 0.50 megalitre allocation per unit share.

In Zones 2, 3, 4 and 8 of the Upper Namoi and the Lower Namoi groundwater sources, supplementary water access licence holders will receive a 0.30 megalitre allocation per unit share.

In Zones 5, 11, and 12 of the Upper Namoi groundwater sources, supplementary water access licence holders will receive a 0.52 megalitre allocation per unit share.

In Zone 7 of the Upper Namoi groundwater sources, supplementary water access licence holders will receive 1 megalitre allocation per unit share.

Supplementary water access licence holders are reminded that the maximum amount of water they are permitted to take under their supplementary water access licence from this water source in a water year is the allocation resulting from the Available Water Determination(s) for that water year.

Supplementary water allocations in the Upper and Lower Namoi groundwater sources may only be taken at any time and at any rate, in accordance with the Supplementary Water Order made under section 70 of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

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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