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Water allocations for the Namoi Valley

The NSW Department of Industry 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 sources for the new 2018-19 water year, commencing 1 July 2018.

For both the Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi regulated river water sources, local water utility and domestic and stock access licence holders receive 100 per cent of entitlement.

High security access licence holders in both sources receive 1 megalitre per unit share.

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

Lower Namoi regulated river general security access licence holders will not receive a new allocation at this time. General security water availability in this valley amounts to an average account balance on 1 July of about 19 per cent of entitlement; however, not everyone will have unused account water to carry forward.

The next water allocation announcement for the Lower Namoi regulated river water source will be made in early August 2018.

Supplementary water access licence holders on the Lower Namoi regulated river receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement. They are reminded however that water may only be diverted in accordance with announcements during declared supplementary access events.

The department will continue to provide monthly water allocation statements and will closely monitor rainfall and river inflows to determine when the next available water determinations can be made.

Stock and domestic, local water utility, unregulated river and aquifer access licence holders covered by the Namoi unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan receive an allocation of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Aquifer (general security) access licence holders receive 1 megalitre per unit share.

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

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

Upper Namoi Zone 1 aquifer access licence holders will receive an allocation of 2.3 megalitres per unit share.

Additional information on available water determinations can be found on the NSW Department of Industry website at - www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water

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