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## Water allocations for the Namoi Valley

The Office of Water 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 2015/16 water year, commencing 1 July 2015.

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

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

General security access licence holders in the Upper Namoi regulated river will receive an allocation of 0.5 megalitre per unit share.

Lower Namoi regulated river general security access licence holders will not receive any allocation until water availability conditions improve.

The storage level at Split Rock Dam is currently at 6 per cent, while Keepit Dam is also at 6 per cent.

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 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 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement, except for aquifer general security licence holders who will receive 0.925 megalitre per unit share.

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 per cent of entitlement.

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.

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

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Supplementary water access licence holders in both the Upper and Lower Namoi groundwater sources will not receive an allocation.

Usage in the Upper and Lower Namoi groundwater sources will be monitored closely throughout the water year, given the average usage over the last three years. Users will be updated at key points during the 2015/16 water year on usage levels in these groundwater sources and any implications for the 2016/17 water year.

Full allocations of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement have 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 Office of Water's website at - [www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au)

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