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Water allocations for the Namoi Valley

DPI 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 2017/18 water year, commencing 1 July 2017.

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 1 megalitres per unit share.

Lower Namoi regulated river general security access licence holders will not receive an allocation at this time. These licence holders have access to an average of 41 per cent of entitlement carried over from the previous water year, subject to the actual volume of carryover for each individual account.

The next water allocation announcement for the Lower Namoi regulated river will be made on Friday 7 August 2017.

The storage level at Split Rock Dam is currently at 30 per cent, while Keepit Dam is also at 65 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.

DPI 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, including aquifer (general security) licence holders, will receive an allocation of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Water sources covered by the Namoi unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan now includes Phillips Creek, Mooki River, Quirindi Creek and Warrah Creek.

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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 and Zone 2, 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 megalitres per unit share.

Upper Namoi Zone 2 aquifer access licence holders will receive an opening allocation of 0.9 megalitres per unit share, to ensure extraction complies with sustainable limits. This will be reviewed and updated in October when water usage data for 2016/17 becomes available and the resource assessment can be finalised.

Additional information on available water determinations can be found on the DPI Water website at - www.water.nsw.gov.au

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