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Opening water allocations for Namoi Valley users

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment 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 2019-20 water year, commencing 1 July 2019.

Regulated River	Upper Namoi	Lower Namoi
General Security	0%	0%
High Security	75%	75%
Local Water Utility	100%	100%
Domestic and Stock	100%	100%

Upper Namoi general security water access licence holders are only allowed to access 75% of the volume of water in their accounts carried over from the previous water year. Lower Namoi general security water access licence holders are not allowed to access water in their accounts as of 1 July 2019. The restrictions will be eased or removed if inflow situation improves in the future. The temporary water restriction can be viewed at - www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/allocations-availability/temporary-water-restrictions

Despite water allocation, the actual delivery of water will be contingent on river operation matters.

Supplementary water access licence holders on the Lower Namoi regulated river 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.

Unregulated river stock and domestic, local water utility, unregulated river, unregulated river high flow and aquifer water access licence holders covered by the Namoi unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement. Aquifer (general security) water access licence holders receive 0.85 megalitre per unit share.

Local water utility and domestic and stock licence holders who access water from the Upper and Lower Namoi groundwater sources receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement. Groundwater aquifer licences receive allocations as shown in the table below.

Upper and Lower Namoi Groundwater Zones	Aquifer (ML/Share)
Zone 1	2.30
Zone 2 and 5	0.95
Zone 8	0.70
Zone 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 to 12	1.00

The next water allocation announcement for the Lower Namoi regulated river will be made on early August 2019.

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

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