

BLOCK RELEASE STRATEGY FOR NAMOI VALLEY

14 April 2010

State Water plans to deliver winter flows in the Lower Namoi in a block release strategy to maximise available water resources.

It is anticipated that up to two block releases (grouping of orders) will occur during end of system flow releases from Keepit Dam to Walgett. The end of system flow is required at Walgett during the months of June, July and August when the combined volume of Keepit and Split Rock dams is greater than 120,000 megalitres. The combined volume of Keepit and Split Rock dams as of the 14 April 2010 is 131,531 megalitres.

Customers can assist State Water with meeting their winter water requirements by filling in the attached survey regarding the timing and volume of flows required over winter. The completed survey is to be faxed to (02) 6792 3950 by 8am Monday 26 April 2010.

Scheduled maintenance is to be carried out at Weeta Weir prior to commencement of flows and is expected to be completed no later than 10 May 2010. Due to the maintenance, deliveries on the Namoi River below Gunidgera Weir will not commence until maintenance has been completed.

It is anticipated that a block release pattern will be developed for deliveries to the end of the winter period.

For further information regarding water delivery please contact:
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State Water wishes to thank users for their cooperation and looks forward to helping achieve the greatest productivity from the available water.

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