

## SUMMER RELEASE STRATEGY FOR GWYDIR VALLEY

30 November 2009

State Water has reviewed the survey responses and has consulted with the Gwydir Valley Customer Service Committee (GVCSC) to develop a release strategy for the Gwydir Valley this summer irrigation season.

Due to the low available water at Copeton Dam water releases for Basic Land Holder Rights, Stock and Domestic, High Security, replenishment flows and irrigation will be grouped and delivered together commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2009. Dependant on weather conditions releases from Copeton Dam may continue up to the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010. State Water will be undertaking a detailed review of water deliveries in early January 2010 to determine the exact end date for releases from Copeton Dam.

Grouping of orders will be required for the Mehi River, Moomin Creek and the lower reaches of Carole Creek. Customers are also advised that additional travel time will be required when placing orders this season. Please contact Ken Gee for further details.

Customers and landholders are advised to ensure that their domestic and stock requirements are satisfied during these releases and to have appropriate plans and or alternative water supplies in place for stock and domestic supplies after these release periods.

The following forecasts are based on statistical inflows to Copeton Dam. They start from November 2009 and are based on sequences of three and six months.

- Under drought conditions the 09/10 allocation is not likely to increase by February 2010 or increase by May 2010.
- Under dry conditions the 09/10 allocation is not likely to increase by February 2010 or increase by May 2010. This is likely in 80% of years.
- Under median conditions the 09/10 allocation is not likely to increase by February 2010 and is likely to increase by up to 9.5% by May 2010. This is possible in 50% of years.
- Under wet conditions the 09/10 allocation is likely to increase by up to 17.5% by February 2010 and is likely to increase by up to 31.5% by May 2010. This is likely 20% of years.

# Customer Notice

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State Water will continue to monitor water resources and weather conditions and if conditions improve will review planned water delivery arrangements. State Water wishes to thank users for their co-operation and looks forward to helping achieve the greatest productivity from the available water.

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