

## SUMMER RELEASE STRATEGY FOR NAMOI VALLEY

24 November 2009

State Water has reviewed the survey responses and has consulted with the Namoi Peel Customer Service Committee (NPCSC) to develop a release strategy for the Lower Namoi summer irrigation season.

Releases will commence from Keepit Dam on Friday 27 November 2009 and it is expected they will continue until February 2010. A review on water delivery will be undertaken in early January to determine the most appropriate time to end the releases.

Customers located below Bugilbone Gauge on the Namoi are advised that grouping of orders will be necessary to ensure that water deliveries are efficient as possible. Customers located below Rossmore Gauge on Pian Creek are advised that a single release will be delivered this summer season.

Customers below Bugilbone and Rossmore gauges will be contacted by Mary Fielder over the coming week to determine the most appropriate release dates.

Customers are advised to provide additional lead days when placing orders; this will ensure that orders can be delivered as efficiently as possible.

The following forecasts are based on statistical inflows to Split Rock and Keepit 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 likely to increase by up to 3% by February 2010 and increase by up to 5.5% by May 2010. This is possible in 80% of years.
- Under median conditions the 09/10 allocation is likely to increase by up to 13% by February 2010 and increase by up to 22% by May 2010. This is possible in 50% of years.
- Under wet conditions the 09/10 allocation is likely to increase by up to 42% by February 2010 and increase by up to 74% 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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