

GWYDIR WATER DELIVERIES

27 July 2009

Due to low volumes of available water State Water plans to deliver water (including replenishment flows) in the Gwydir Valley during the 2009/10 water year using a block release strategy to maximize available water resources.

As of Monday, 27 July 2009 the water volume in Copeton Dam is 172,924ML (11.5%). Prior to any general security distribution being made available, the essential supplies and delivery loss account requires a minimum of 48,000ML of top up. Approximately 34,000ML of general security allocation remains in water accounts to be delivered.

The following allocations from Copeton Dam are forecast based on statistical inflows to the dam. They start from July 2009 and are based on sequences of three and six months.

- Under drought conditions the 09/10 allocation is not likely to increase by October 2009 or increase by January 2010.
- Under dry conditions the 09/10 allocation is not likely to increase by October 2009 and is likely to increase by up to 4% by January 2010. This is possible in 80% of years.
- Under median conditions the 09/10 allocation is likely to increase by up to 5% by October 2009 and is likely to increase by 14% by January 2010. This is possible in 50% of years.
- Under wet conditions the 09/10 allocation is likely to increase by up to 18% by October 2009 and is likely to increase by up to 41% by January 2010. This is likely 20% of years.

Customers are asked to complete the following survey which will enable State Water to plan delivery arrangements over the coming season. The completed survey is to be faxed to (02) 6752 6800 by **8am Friday 7th August 2009**.

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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