



# Water Sharing Plan for the Upper and Lower Namoi Groundwater Sources Amendment Order 2013

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, the Minister for Primary Industries, in pursuance of section 45 (1) (a) of the *Water Management Act 2000*, being satisfied it is in the public interest to do so, make the following Order to amend the *Water Sharing Plan for the Upper and Lower Namoi Groundwater Sources 2003*.

Dated this Twelfth day of April 2013.

**KATRINA HODGKINSON, MP**  
**Minister for Primary Industries**

## Explanatory note

This Order is made under section 45 (1) (a) of the *Water Management Act 2000*. The object of this Order is to amend the *Water Sharing Plan for the Upper and Lower Namoi Groundwater Sources 2003*. The concurrence of the Minister for the Environment was obtained prior to the making of this Order.

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### **1 Name of Order**

This Order is the *Water Sharing Plan for the Upper and Lower Namoi Groundwater Sources Amendment Order 2013*.

### **2 Commencement**

This Order commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

## Schedule 1 Amendment to the Water Sharing Plan for the Upper and Lower Namoi Groundwater Sources 2003

### [1] Clause 34 Annual accounting for water extraction

Omit “, and total water in any water allocation account at any time associated with such an access licence,” from clause 34 (5).

### [2] Clause 34 (5) (a)

Omit the paragraph.

Insert instead:

- (a) 100% of the share component of the access licence at the beginning of that water year,

### [3] Clause 34 (6) - (12)

Omit.

Insert instead:

- (6) Unused water allocations in the water allocation accounts of aquifer access licences may be carried over from one water year to the next, subject to subclauses (7) and (8).
- (7) The maximum amount of unused water allocations that can be carried over under subclause (6) is equal to 2 ML per unit of share component for Zones 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and the Lower Namoi.
- (8) The maximum amount of unused water allocations that can be carried over under subclause (6) is equal to 2.3 ML per unit of share component for Zone 1.
- (9) In any water year, subject to local impact management restrictions arising from Part 10, Division 2 of this Plan, water taken from Zones 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and the Lower Namoi under an aquifer access licence may not exceed a volume that is equal to:
- (a) 2 ML per unit of aquifer access licence share component at the beginning of that water year, plus
- (b) any water allocations assigned from another access licence under section 71T of the Act in that year, minus
- (c) any water allocations assigned to another access licence under section 71T of the Act in that year.
- (10) In any water year, subject to local impact management restrictions arising from Part 10, Division 2 of this Plan, water taken from Zone 1 under an aquifer access licence may not exceed a volume that is equal to:
- (a) 2.3 ML per unit of aquifer access licence share component at the beginning of that water year, plus
- (b) any water allocations assigned from another access licence under section 71T of the Act in that year, minus
- (c) any water allocations assigned to another access licence under section 71T of the Act in that year.
- (11) Unused water allocations in the water allocation accounts of supplementary water access licences cannot be carried over from one water year to the next.
- (12) In any water year, subject to local impact management restrictions arising from Part 10, Division 2 of this Plan, water taken from any of these groundwater sources under a

supplementary water access licence may not exceed the allocation resulting from the available water determinations.

- (13) Where both an aquifer access licence and a supplementary water access licence nominate the same water supply works and use approval, water allocations will be debited from a supplementary water access licence water allocation account before water is debited from an aquifer access licence water allocation account.