



Namoi Water

Policy Title:	Water Charging
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WATER CHARGING

1.	Purpose	To outline Namoi Water's position on Water issues in the Namoi catchment. This is the key policy area of the organisation
2.	Scope	Surface Water, Groundwater, Unregulated and Supplementary
3.	Definitions	<p>For purposes of this policy, unless otherwise stated, the following definitions shall apply:</p> <p>NW : Namoi Water NSWIC: New South Wales Irrigators Council SPP : State Priority Project NOW : New South Wales Office of Water SWC : State Water Corporation</p>
4.	Policy Guidelines	<p>Namoi Water that in relation to groundwater management fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) there be no charge whatsoever for stock and domestic bores b) management fees reflect the accurate cost of efficient administration of licensing and development of sustainable allocation policy, and the apportioned cost of monitoring and resource management, that is attributable to irrigation <p>Encourage the NSW Government to classify as Farm Infrastructure, any irrigation infrastructure constructed achieve water efficiency and to meet the requirements of Native Vegetation Act. The NSW Government to provide funding for innovative water-saving schemes in regional NSW.</p> <p>Namoi Water supports the pursuit of a fairer system for water charges; and these charges reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. accurately apportioned infrastructure and resource management costs attributable to the efficient delivery of bulk water for production purposes b. the environmental costs or charges should be borne by the entire community and paid for by Government as a community service obligation c) the Department of Land and Water Conservation or other regulatory water bodies make public, on a regular basis, the volume of the water flow in streams where a measuring device has been installed

5.	References	
6.	Appendices	NA
7.	Approval	Developed by Jon Baker Approved by : Chairman : Jono Phelps Approved by : Vice Chair: Matt Norrie
8.	Approval Dates	This policy was approved on: 12.9.12 This version takes effect from: 12.9.12 This policy will be reviewed by: 12.8.13
9.	Policy Owner	Namoi Water is the peak industry group for irrigated agriculture in the Peel, Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi Valleys in the North West of NSW. We are a non-profit, non-political organisation supporting our members to achieve a sustainable irrigation industry that meets the environmental, economic and social needs of our local communities. Contact: Jon-Maree Baker PO Box 548 Narrabri NSW 2390 Mb: 0488 925222 Ph: 02 67925222 E: eo@namoiwater.com.au W: www.namoiwater.com.au