



## Namoi Water

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### CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT

<b>1.</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	To outline Namoi Water's position on Water issues in the Namoi catchment. This is the key policy area of the organisation
<b>2.</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Surface Water, Groundwater, Unregulated and Supplementary</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Definitions</b>	<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>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Policy Guidelines</b>	<p>Namoi Water supports the concept of total catchment management to encourage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) sound landcare and water use practices</li> <li>b) increased native vegetation plantings</li> <li>c) the NSW Government to allow new tree plantings as "off-sets" where clearing is needed to achieve irrigation upgrades or water efficiency options</li> <li>d) a mechanism to be developed whereby farmers might access environment water for on farm environmental projects</li> <li>e) protection, repair and recovery of problem areas where feasible by applying the following principles to ensure the success of the concept through the full, enthusiastic co-operation of landholders and land users:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. to have formal representation on all Catchment Management Boards and for these Boards to retain a landholder majority</li> <li>ii. landholder and land user representatives on Catchment Management Boards must be appointed by the Minister on advice from regional selection committees</li> <li>iii. the major funding for catchment management activities and programs must be provided by Commonwealth and State Governments</li> <li>iv. in any event, no Catchment Management Trust shall be formed without first obtaining the approval of a majority of the ratepayers through a plebiscite</li> <li>v. the Chairman of the State Catchment Management Co-ordinating Board must be an independent person of high standing in the rural community</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vi. all non-government members attending Catchment Management Board meetings must be paid a sitting fee, in addition to their out-of-pocket expenses</li> <li>vii. funds made available for catchment management purposes must be used "on the ground" and not to build bureaucratic</li> <li>viii. the substituting of non land user representatives in the case of absenteeism without the authority of delegation should be discouraged</li> </ul>
5.	<b>References</b>	
6.	<b>Appendices</b>	NA
7.	<b>Approval</b>	<p>Developed by Jon Baker                  Approved by : Chairman : Jono Phelps                  Approved by : Vice Chair: Matt Norrie</p>
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9.	<b>Policy Owner</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact:                  Jon-Maree Baker                  PO Box 548                  Narrabri NSW 2390</p> <p>Mb: 0488 925222 Ph: 02 67925222                  E: <a href="mailto:eo@namoiwater.com.au">eo@namoiwater.com.au</a> W: <a href="http://www.namoiwater.com.au">www.namoiwater.com.au</a></p>