



Namoi Water

Policy Title:	Metering
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Metering		
1.	Purpose	<p>To outline Namoi Water’s position on Metering</p> <p>Define the organisations policy on metering of water sources.</p>
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 supports accurate metering.</p> <p>The new national metering standards come into effect in 2016.</p> <p>Irrigators must be provided information to enable decisions to be made as to what meter installations and upgrades will be necessary to meet the new standard.</p> <p>We support all forms of metering brands being available for irrigators to choose their meter type and installation to meet the new national standard.</p> <p>Namoi Water supports State Water owning the meters however irrigators must be provided with estimates of likely costs of installations/upgrades and ongoing maintenance fees associated.</p> <p>The opportunities for value-adding e.g. telemetry and CARM should be investigated and the ownership of the data must rest with the irrigator.</p> <p>There should be robust modeling of any “savings” that might be achieved and the potential beneficiaries of these savings.</p> <p>As well as identification of any third party impacts, and methods of mitigation.</p> <p>Potential funding sources eg : grant programs, SWC, irrigator funding should be investigated with urgency.</p>

		Namoi Water policy is to engage with State Water and NSW Government to develop an agreed implementation plan to ensure that water users in NSW meet the National Metering Standards. The plan should seek to develop an appropriate funding model for implementation of the standard.
5.	References	http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-management/Water-recovery/Sustaining-the-Basin/Sustaining-the-Basin/default.aspx
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: [5.12.11] This version takes effect from: [1.12.11] 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