



Namoi Water

Policy Title:	Shepherding
Policy Number:	003
Date Effective:	12.9.12

SHEPHERDING

1. Purpose	To outline Namoi Water's position on Shepherding Water from the Namoi Catchment to the Mennidee Lake System
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>Water shepherding involves the movement of parcels of water through regulated and unregulated systems to the benefit of a single user.</p> <p>Shepherding is proposed as a means for the Commonwealth to gain credit for end of system flow and delivery of water downstream of its licenced works point.</p> <p>The major issue in providing shepherding for the Commonwealth is changing the characteristics of entitlements which were purchased for environmental use. Shepherding provides a change of licence condition for one licence holder over others.</p> <p>** Namoi Water board need to provide input regarding the acceptance of this change to licence condition and discussion should occur regarding the advantages and disadvantages of the policy proposed.</p> <p>The shepherding model needs to be made public and the model tested.</p> <p>The modelling and connection of IQQM models between water sources is of concern to Namoi Water. Physically the water must reach the end of the system and must be measured accurately for water moving from regulated to unregulated. Data must be made public regarding how far will the water travel, how will this be monitored.</p> <p>There must be no adverse impacts associated with the shepherding.</p>

5.	References	http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-management/Water-recovery/Water-shepherding/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: 12.9.12 This version takes effect from: 12.9.12 This policy will be reviewed by: 12.8.13
9.	Policy Owner	<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: eo@namoiwater.com.au W: www.namoiwater.com.au</p>