

## Namoi Water

Policy Title: Regional Land Use Strategy

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REGIONAL LAND USE STRATEGY		
1.	Purpose	To outline Namoi Water's position on Regional Land Use Strategy in particular to the NSW Strategy for extractive industry land use
2.	Scope	Surface Water, Groundwater, Unregulated and Supplementary
3.	Definitions	For purposes of this policy, unless otherwise stated, the following definitions shall apply:  NW: Namoi Water NSWIC: New South Wales Irrigators Council SPP: State Priority Project NOW: New South Wales Office of Water SWC: State Water Corporation
4.	Policy Guidelines	Namoi Water to seek to ensure public utilities are placed on public land as far as practicable.  The area identified as Strategic Agricultural land to be expended to include all prime agricultural land.  The development of expansion and new industries in the catchment should have acceptable levels of impact on other industries. The cumulative impact of multiple mines (for example) be taken into consideration and placed as a high priority. Development should be banned or strongly discouraged from areas deemed to have significant environmental merit, such as river courses and bio-strategic land.  The improvement of the infrastructure to service the development of expansion and new industries is required to be concurrent. Funding of the infrastructure should be funded by the Royalties collected by Government.  Any development should have minimal impact on the water reserves of the catchment.
5.	References	http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/slurp



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 goup 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