

## SUMMER RELEASE STRATEGY FOR GWYDIR VALLEY

12 January 2010

State Water advises that due to recent favourable weather conditions and efficiency of water deliveries to date, releases from Copeton Dam to supply water orders will continue up to Wednesday, 10 February 2010.

Customers are advised that water orders must be placed for release from Copeton Dam no later than 10 February and to allow additional travel time when possible to enable grouping of deliveries.

Customers and landholders are reminded to ensure their domestic and stock requirements are satisfied during this time and to have appropriate plans and/or alternative water supplies in place for stock and domestic supplies after this release.

The following forecasts are based on statistical inflows to Copeton Dam. They start from January 2010 and are based on sequences of three and six months.

- Under drought conditions the 09/10 allocation is not likely to increase by April 2010 or increase by July 2010.
- Under dry conditions the 09/10 allocation is not likely to increase by April 2010 or increase by July 2010. This is likely in 80% of years.
- Under median conditions the 09/10 allocation is not likely to increase by April 2010 and is likely to increase by up to 6.5% by July 2010. This is possible in 50% of years.
- Under wet conditions the 09/10 allocation is likely to increase by up to 3% by April 2010 and is likely to increase by up to 34.5% by July 2010. This is likely 20% of years.

State Water will continue to monitor water resources and weather conditions and if conditions improve will review planned water delivery arrangements. State Water wishes to thank users for their co-operation and looks forward to helping achieve the greatest productivity from the available water.

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