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28 WATER SHARING PLANS COMMENCE ACROSS NSW

The commencement of 28 water sharing plans across NSW today will protect water sources, manage water extraction and facilitate trading, providing security and increased business opportunities for farming communities, Deputy Director-General DPI Water, Gavin Hanlon, announced.

“Improved water security for agriculture, future needs and river health will be provided by the 28 new, replacement and amalgamated water sharing plans commencing today,” said Mr Hanlon.

“Ten new water sharing plans for major coastal systems, together with a combination of 18 replacement and amalgamated plans across NSW will provide water users with greater confidence in long-term water security, access and trading.

“These plans are a result of a review into 31 water sharing plans that commenced in 2004, together with new plans developed as part of the program to have all water sources in NSW covered by a water sharing plan.

“The commencement of these plans today leaves only two remaining coastal water sharing plans to be made before we achieve our goal of state-wide coverage.

Mr Hanlon said for inland water users in the Murray-Darling Basin, these plans will provide certainty and security as the new water resource plans are developed to cover all major river and groundwater in the Murray-Darling Basin over the next few years.

“Water resource plans will be a key component of NSW’s implementation of the Commonwealth *Basin Plan 2012*, at both a local and Basin-wide level.

“The water resource plans will build on existing State water planning arrangements and will be developed in close consultation with key stakeholders.

“All water licence holders affected by these water sharing plans will shortly receive information on what the plans mean to their respective activities for accessing water,” Mr Hanlon said.

Water sharing plans commencing on 1 July 2016 include:

- Clyde Unregulated and Alluvial
- Deua Unregulated and Alluvial
- Snowy Genoa Unregulated
- South Coast Groundwater
- Tuross Unregulated and Alluvial - incorporating Wandella Creek
- Clarence Unregulated and Alluvial - incorporating Dorrigo Plateau Surface Water

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- Macleay Unregulated and Alluvial - incorporating Apsley River, Toorumbbee River, Commissioners Waters
- Brunswick Unregulated and Alluvial - incorporating Upper Brunswick River
- North Coast Coastal Sands - incorporating Tomago Tomaree Stockton Groundwater, Stuarts Point
- North Coast Fractured and Porous Rock - incorporating Kulnura Mangrove Mountain, Dorrigo Groundwater, Alstonville Groundwater
- Lower North Coast Unregulated and Alluvial - incorporating Karuah River
- Central Coast Unregulated - incorporating Ourimbah Creek and Jilliby Jilliby Creek
- Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial - incorporating Wybong Creek
- Greater Metropolitan Unregulated - incorporating Kangaroo River
- Richmond River Area Unregulated and Alluvial - Incorporating Coopers Creek
- Hunter Regulated River
- Gwydir Regulated
- Upper and Lower Namoi Regulated
- Macquarie Regulated River
- Lachlan Regulated River
- Murrumbidgee Regulated River
- Murray Lower Darling Regulated River
- Castlereagh Unregulated - incorporating Castlereagh (above Binnaway)
- NSW Border Rivers Unregulated and Alluvial - incorporating Tenterfield Creek
- Gwydir Unregulated and Alluvial - incorporating Rocky Creek , Cobbadah, Upper Horton and Lower Horton
- Namoi Unregulated and Alluvial - incorporating Phillips Creek, Mooki River, Quirindi Creek and Warrah Creek
- Lachlan Unregulated and Alluvial - incorporating Mandagery Creek
- Murrumbidgee Unregulated and Alluvial incorporating Adelong Creek, Tarcutta Creek, Upper Billabong

Copies of all 2016 water sharing plans and supporting documentation can be obtained from the DPI Water website – www.water.nsw.gov.au

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