



June 2009

Dear Namoi Groundwater User,

### **NAMOI GROUNDWATER SAMPLING MONTH - JULY 2009**

This July we are encouraging groundwater users (irrigators and stock & domestic) to collect a water sample from their bore for a **FREE** partial analysis.

Sampling bottles can be collected from Namoi Water, NSW Farmers, the Cotton CRC and the Namoi CMA. Monitoring and understanding the status of groundwater levels and groundwater salinity is central to managing this valuable resource and is being helped by this project commissioned by the Cotton CRC and Namoi CMA.

Groundwater level and salinity is being monitored this January, March and July by the University of New South Wales' Water Research Laboratory (led by Dr Wendy Timms). By combining this information with monitoring by the Namoi CMA, the Department of Water and Energy (DWE) and other groundwater projects, Wendy and her team are drawing a picture of how groundwater condition varies over time and across the Namoi.

The project also seeks to understand how groundwater users may get involved in on-going groundwater monitoring and management. Ingrid Roth and her team from GHD Hassall will contact many groundwater users to gather their ideas on this. We encourage you to discuss your thoughts with them and assure you that your views will be treated confidentially.

Samples provided by growers will add value to the data review. The project will lead to establishing a framework for benchmarking groundwater quantity and quality.

Yours sincerely,

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If you have any questions, please contact ourselves or the project team:

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\* The first 200 samples received will be analysed for free, any further samples may need to be charged at a cost of \$100/sample.