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#### **Sharing water with animals should be a thing of the past**

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The Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Ms. Lindiwe Sisulu accompanied by her Deputy Minister, Ms. Pamela Tshwete delivered on the mandate of bringing clean water to community of Clarkebury on Saturday, 07 September 2019.

According to the community member of Clarkebury, Langaletu Cwasu said “the area got no water for more than six months and our lives were at risk because we used to drink water from the Mgwali River with pigs and people have a tendency of throwing nappies in the upper streams of the river”.

Deputy Minister Tshwete once visited Clarkebury in April 2019, where she received a complaint that this area has no water and she instructed the Regional Head, Ms. Portia Makhanya together with CEO of Amatola Water Board, Ms. Vuyo Zitumane to assess the old infrastructure in Clarkebury, including boreholes and compile a full report on the status of water in this area, so that when we come back, people will have water.

In her speech Minister Lindiwe Sisulu said “supplying clean drinking water and decent sanitation is part of our resolution as the Department. The time of the poorest of the poor especially in rural areas like Clarkebury sharing water with animals should be a thing of the past”.

Local businessman Mr. Vuyani Macingwane said “as the community of Clarkebury we are happy to receive water today and we thank to the Minister and her Deputy Minister because we have no water for a longtime, we promise that vandalism of infrastructure will be monitored”.

The Minister told the community that the Department of Water and Sanitation, Amathole District Municipality, Chris Hani District Municipality and Amatola Water agreed that the infrastructure in Clarkebury is in a state of disrepair and cannot be refurbished.

“To extend the water works footprint to include surrounding villages, a new pipe has been connected to the existing borehole, which supplies the school, to the existing JoJo tanks from the top of the hill. There is existing reticulation in the villages although there are leaks that will have to be fixed. The pipeline is



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estimated to be around 1,2km from the existing borehole to the JoJo tanks at the top", said Minister Sisulu.

She concluded by saying "municipalities must make sure that people in their areas have at least the basic services they need. They must ensure their communities have water supply, sewage collection and disposal, refuse removal, electricity and gas supply, well-maintained roads and storm water drainage and proper street lighting".

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