



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Inyaka Dam records major decline in water levels in Mpumalanga**

25 October 2017

Inyaka Dam in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, this week recorded the highest decline in water levels in the Mpumalanga Province according to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 23 October 2017. The report shows that Inyaka Dam lost about 19.6% of water as it decreased from last week's 101.1% to 81.5% as recorded on Monday, 23 October 2017.

On average, the dam levels in the Mpumalanga Province declined from last week's 71.1% to 69.5%. The weekly report shows that all the major dams in the province recorded significant declines in water volumes, with only the Heyshope Dam recording a slight 0.1% increase from 77.6% to 77.7%.

The water levels in the Water Management Areas (WMA) also decreased, with the Olifants WMA declining from 67.2% to 66.3% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA decreasing from 70.6% to 68.3%.

With the hot weather upon us and rain coming in drips and drabs, it is critical that we all behave in a responsible manner and ensure that we use the available water in a conservative manner to ensure sustainable supply for all.

This report shows that our water reserves are being depleted calling on all of us to play our part in water security by conserving the little that is still available.

The Department of Water and Sanitation further emphasizes its call to the public to intensify water conservation practices and initiatives for the benefit of all during these trying times in our water scarce country.

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