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Water users must use water wisely despite recent rains

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The Eastern Cape experienced rains in many areas on the 17 August 2017, yet these have not had a significant influence on the Eastern Cape dam levels.

The Department of Water and Sanitation appeals to all water users continue to use water wisely and adhere to water restrictions where applicable. Despite the recent rainfall in the province, the dam levels are still under pressure and the effects of drought continue in different municipalities. Drought poses a major threat to food and water security.

In the report released by the DWS this week on dam levels the indication is that the total storage of water in Eastern Cape is at 56.1%. this is still below the 66,4% it was at last year this time.

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