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MEDIA STATEMENT

Eastern Cape dam levels stable BUT Nelson Mandela Bay is becoming a concern

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The Algoa Water Supply System, supplying water to Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality and surrounding areas, is on a consistent decline and water users are called upon to up their efforts to save water.

According to the dam levels report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation this week, the system is dwindling at a low of 18. 1% this, a massive decline compared to 32% last year during the same period.

The provincial water storage in Eastern Cape is stable, with the average at 62. 2%; however, concerted efforts are needed to stabilise the area of Nelson Mandela Bay before the worse could happen.

The Amathole Water Supply System, supplying water to the Buffalo City area, has shown a consistent improvement in recent months and is sitting at 89. 5%, a massive improvement compared to 62.3% at this time last year.. The Gcuwa Dam in Butterworth is at 100% compared to 35.8% at this time last year. Xilinx Dam is sitting at 48.3% compared to 0% at this time of the year in 2017.

The Department of Water and Sanitation will continue to monitor dam levels in the Eastern Cape to ensure water supply. The department appeals to all residents to continue saving water and stick to water restrictions implemented by municipalities.

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