



## water & sanitation

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Water and Sanitation  
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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **Limpopo residence are encouraged to continue saving water**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to remind Limpopo residents to use water sparingly as dam levels in the province continue to decline due to the current winter season.

The province's average dam levels are at 75.5% this week, showing a decline compared to last year this time when the levels were at 77.4%.

Looking at the summary of Water Management Area (WMA) for Limpopo reflects a decline compared to last year this time when water levels were 88.5% compared to the current 77.3, whereas the Olifants stands at 73.5%.

The Polokwane Water Supply Systems is at 95.7% showing a slight decline when compared to 95.8% last week. The Luvuvhu Water Supply Systems also has slightly improved, sitting at 98.9% from last week's 98.1%. The Vhembe District area of the province is still in satisfactory state with regard to water storage, with Nandoni Dam currently at 99.90% this week which brings relief to communities around that area.

Ebenezer Dam, which supplies majority of the communities around Polokwane is currently at 87.9% this week, whilst Tzaneen Dam, which mostly helps farmers in the Mopani District with irrigation has declined to 40.16% from last week's 40, 87%.

Mokolo Dam in Lephalale in the Waterberg District of the province slightly decreased by 0.32% from 89,51% last week to 89,19% this week and De Hoop Dam which supplies the communities in the Sekhukhune District went down from 91.76% last week to 90,61% this week.

Although the provincial storage is at satisfactory percentage, the province still needs to continue to implement water restrictions so that reliable water provision is sustained until the next summer rains. Water is a scarce resource and catalytic towards economic development and it must therefore be conserved at all times.

The Department's Regional Head in Limpopo, Mr Lesiba Tloubatla, is appealing to the people of the province to continue saving water. "With the climate change affecting the way in which it used to rain in this province, we encourage people to continue saving water. The South African

Weather Service forecast shows us that we will not have sufficient rain to fill up our dams not until the summer seasons hopefully”, said Mr Tloubatla.

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