



## water & sanitation

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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **Northern Cape Dam levels show a further dip this week**

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The Dam levels in the Northern Cape Province have indicated a further slight dip this week. The average dam levels in the Province last week were at 85.7% and this week have dropped to 85.6%. This time last year the dam levels were at 86.3%.

The Spitskop Storage Weir has decreased slightly this week recording 97.8%, last week the storage weir was at 98.6% and this time last year at 99.3%. Douglas Storage Weir declined this week is sitting at 109.3 this week, last week the storage weir was at 109.8%.

The Vaalharts Storage Weir has shown a slight increase of 0.7% to 57.9% this week. Boegeoberg is sitting at 108.8% this week a slight improvement from last year's levels at this time which were 104.7%.

The Leeubos Storage Weir has remained at 0.0% for the past few weeks and Karee Dam has made a turn displaying at 0.4% for the past two weeks after recording at 0.0% for the longest time.

The Provincial dam levels are quite steady in comparison to the Eastern Cape whose dam levels are at 67.2% and the Western Cape at 19.2%. Although the levels in the Western cape are low, this is an improvement from the past months when the levels were critically low. To this, Deputy Minister Tshwete in her address to the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) on Wednesday, 30 May 2018, applauded the residents of the City of Cape Town for their responsible use of water and said, "It is quite clear that the much talked about Day Zero hoax will not happen in the Western Cape. We are grateful to our people for using water in a responsible manner, and we appeal to them to continue saving water".

The dam levels in Gauteng seem to be floating slightly above the 100% mark recording at 100.2% this week, the province which is pivotal to the provision of much-needed water supply to both household consumers and key industries in Gauteng, including Eskom and Sasol seems to be displaying the highest water levels in the country.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) continues to urge water users to be stringent in their water use. Water levels across the country are dwindling due the dry winter season and although efforts are being made by government to ensure continued water supply to the citizens of South Africa, the citizens also have an important role to play in ensuring the water consumption levels are reduced especially during this time.

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