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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **Northern Cape Province dam levels plummet**

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The Northern Cape Province for the first time in weeks is seeing a dip in the dam levels. The province has for the past weeks experienced a rise or stable dam levels however, this week the dam levels are at 86.3%, last week were at 90.4% meaning a 4.1% decrease is evident.

The Vaalharts Storage Weir has seen the highest decrease in the past week, recording at 57.2% this week, the storage weir was at 68.7% last week and 60.8% this time last year. The Sportskop Storage Weir has only decreased slightly recording at 98.1% this week in comparison to 99.1% last week.

Douglas Storage Weir has remained stable over the past two weeks recording at 109.8%, this time last year the storage weir was at 109.6%. Boegeoberg has also recorded the same water levels over the past two weeks remaining at 112.9%. The storage weir was at 104.3% this time last year.

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

With farming and agriculture being important sectors for economic growth in the province, the importance of reducing water consumption becomes even more important.

The Department of Water and Sanitation further urges residence of Northern Cape to use water wisely, with the winter season looming and bringing with it dry weather conditions, water restrictions should be strictly adhered to.

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