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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

#### **The latest on the Western Cape water situation**

20 June 2018

“The Western Cape recently experienced good rains which fell on the catchments and we are anticipating higher levels in our dams in the near future”, says Rashid Khan, Department of Water and Sanitation Western Cape Regional Head.

According to the weekly hydrological report of 18 June 2018, the combined average dam levels for the Western Cape Water Supply System (WCWSS) are at 37.80% as compared to 22.73% at the same time last year.

The Department of Water and Sanitation imposed water restrictions at levels of 45% for domestic and 60% for Agriculture. These restrictions will only be lifted when the dam levels reach at least 85%. The department will continue to monitor the dam levels and consider the relaxation of the restrictions should the dam levels reaches 50%. This department urges water users to continue to use water responsibly.

Predictions by South African Weather Services (SAWS) and other weather bureaus indicate additional rainfalls which could hike dam leves to 50% by the end of July 2018.

“Water is life, Sanitation is Dignity”

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