



## water & sanitation

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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### The water crisis remains critical in Nelson Mandela Bay

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The average water levels for dams across the Eastern Cape Province have decreased slightly during the past week and are currently sitting at 67.9%.

The water crisis remains critical in other parts of the province such as Nelson Mandela Bay (NMB). The water storage levels in dams across the NMB is below 35% this week, compared to previous year at this time it was 38.2%.

The Algoa Water Supply System with five major dams serving this area of NMB is struggling, with the exception of Loerie Dam sitting at 93.5%, Kouga Dam is currently 8.6%, compared to last week's 8.9% at this time of the year and Impofu Dam is sitting at 33.6% this week, last week it was 34.1%.

Mzimvubu- Tsitsikama Catchment is declining at 67.7% this week, compared to 68.0% capacity last week. Amathole Water Supply System dams are at 91.7 % capacity, compared to last year's 69.6% at this time.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is urging residents in the province to use water sparingly and for all sectors to adhere to water restrictions that are in place.

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