



MEDIA STATEMENT

Communities must adhere to water restrictions

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The weekly report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has shown some water levels declining in our major dams. The combined average of dam levels in the Eastern Cape this week dropped drastically to 56.6% compared to 56.9% last week.

The area of most concern is the Amathole District Municipality (ADM) where drought is still visible and its dams are affected badly. To mention few major dams serving ADM and surrounding communities, Rooikrantz Dam decreased from 55.2% last week to 53.6% this week, Xilinx Dam serving Butterworth dropped badly to 9.2% this week, compared to 10.0% last week, Bridle Drift Dam improved slightly from 43.3% to 43.7% and Nahoon Dam also declined to stand at 72.1% this week, compared to 73.3% last week.

Algoa Water Supply with dams serving Nelson Mandela Bay Metro is sitting at 42.6% this week, as compared to 43.0 % last week, there is no catchment. The major contributing factor in this situation is the scarcity of rain during the winter period and drought consequences that have a huge impact on our dams. Dams such as Impofu declined from 22.2% last week, to 21.6% this week, Kouga Dam is sitting at 44.0% this week, compared to 44.3% last week, and Loerie Dam also declined this week to 60.2% compared to 64.3% last week.

Chris Hani District dams are also decreasing gradually. Macubeni Dam serving the Komani City and surrounding area dropped to 85.4% this week, compared with 87.9% last week, Xonxa Dam remains stable at 95.5%, and Waterdown Dam also declined to 35.3% this week, compared to 36.2% last week.

DWS is encouraging communities to adhere to water restrictions issued by their municipalities and report water leakages.

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