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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### DWS and SAHRC to hold public hearings on Tshwane water issues

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On Thursday, 01 August 2019, the Department of Water and Sanitation met with the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) to present the results of the Hammanskraal joint water sampling it conducted with the Commission and the City of Tshwane on 20 June 2019.

The meeting follows an invite by the Commission to the Department and the City of Tshwane to jointly present the sampling results. The meeting was attended by the SAHRC as hosts, and the DWS. The City of Tshwane (CoT), though also invited and expected, did not show up.

The sample analysis was done by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) laboratory to determine whether or not the water is fit for human consumption as per the South African National Standards (SANS) 241.

Based on the results, which showed the water as being unfit for drinking, a position the DWS has held over time, and discussions, a decision was taken that the SAHRC will conduct public hearings involving affected and interested parties. The proposed dates for the hearings will be communicated in due course.

The DWS will also follow its regulatory processes as per the Act based on the outcomes of the tests.

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