



## water & sanitation

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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### DWS notes demand for clean water in Hammanskraal

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The Gauteng Provincial Office of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has, on Monday, 22 July 2019, noted the outcry for substandard quality of water in addressed in Hammanskraal, north of Pretoria.

This follows an analysis of water by a non-profit civil action organisation through an independent SANAS-accredited water laboratory, which conducted a random water sample test.

The said sample was taken from a public tap at the Hammanskraal Police Regional Office in Region 2 on 05 July 2019 and tested.

On its part, the Department has received the results from the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) laboratory following a joint sampling it conducted with the South African Human Rights Commission and the City of Tshwane on 20 June 2019.

The purpose of the joint sampling was to determine if the drinking water is fit for human consumption as per the South African National Standard (SANS) 241:

In this regard, the Department will, as a matter of urgency, meet with the City of Tshwane to discuss the joint water analysis report with a view to address the water quality challenges in the area.

The Department also issued an application for an interdict against the City of Tshwane under case number 16076/19. The City of Tshwane made numerous requests for indulgence in filling their opposing papers and still failed to file their court documents, despite the indulgence of the Court.

The Department is therefore in the process of setting the matter down on an unopposed court roll for 20 August 2019.

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