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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Water levels in Eastern Cape on a decline

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High temperatures and exceedingly hot days have resulted in the dam levels in the Eastern Cape Province dropping drastically due to evaporation.

A water weekly report by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) indicates that the provincial levels have dropped from 57,4% to 56.0%, a decrease of 1.4%.

Algoa Water Supply System with major dams covering Nelson Mandela Bay, including Sarah Baartman District, has dropped by 1,1% and is sitting at 48.9% this week. Kouga Dam was recorded at 48.6% this week, a drop of 1.1% this week. Impofu Dam has declined from 33.7 to 32.2% this week.

Klipplaat Water Supply System, with dams serving Indwe Dam in the Chris Hani District, has drop to 43.6%, compared to 44.4% last week, Boesmanskrantz Dam increased 23.8% to 25.0% this week. Lubisi Dam is sitting at 43.6% compared to 44.4% last week.

Major dams supplying Buffalo City Metro under Amathole Water Supply System have improved from 66.6% last week to 67.9% this week, an increase of 1.3%. Bridle Drift also gained in the recent rains from 44.3% last week to 48.9% this week, a gain of 4.6%, Nahoon Dam rose from 67.6% to 68.1 this week and Xilinxha dam declined rapidly and is sitting at 25.5% this week.

The department is appealing to water consumers in the province to use water wisely during this time of drought and report leakages in their areas.

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