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## GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NOTICE

### DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

Notice No. ....

Date .....

#### RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES IN THE MZIMVUBU-TSITSIKAMMA WATER MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA 7) IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

By virtue of the powers vested in me in Section 63, read together with Section 72, of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998), I, **Margaret-Ann Diedricks**, in my capacity as Director General of the Department of Water and Sanitation:-

- (a) Am of the opinion that water shortages exists in areas of the Eastern Cape Province; and,
- (b) Direct, in terms of Section 6(1)(i) of Schedule 3 of the National Water Act, 1998, that for the period from the date of this notice until 28 February 2017, or until any further Notice that is published in this regard, that: -
  1. The taking of water from the water schemes listed in Table 1 below by all domestic, industrial and hydropower generation users from these schemes in the Eastern Cape Province, be restricted by the percentage shown in Table 1 below:

**Table 1: Water Schemes with restricted use, (\* based on Dam Operating Rules and risk assessments).**

<b>Scheme / Dam</b>	<b>River catchment</b>	<b>DM / LM</b>	<b>Restriction Required</b>
Algoa System*	Kromme River, Kouga River.	Nelson Mandela Bay LM, Kouga LM	15% of un-curtailed domestic use
Mlanga Dam*	Mlanga River	OR Tambo DM	20% of un-curtailed use
Corana Dam*	Corana River	OR Tambo DM	15% of un-curtailed use
Nqadu*	Nqadu River	OR Tambo DM	10% of un-curtailed use
Belfort Dam*	Mafube River	Alfred Nzo DM	30% of un-curtailed use
Ntenetyana Dam*	Ntenetyana River	Alfred Nzo DM	10% of un-curtailed use
Xilinx Dam*	Xilinx River	Amathole DM	10% of un-curtailed use
Toleni Dam		Amathole DM	10% of un-curtailed use
Ncora Dam*	Tsomo River	Amathole DM / Chirs Hani DM	No hydro power generation below 50%
Nqweba Dam	Sundays River	Camdeboo LM	10% of un-curtailed use

2. The taking of water for irrigation use from the water schemes listed in Table 2 below be restricted by the percentage shown in Table 2 below:

**Table 2: Water Schemes with restricted irrigation use, (\* based on Dam Operating Rules).**

<b>Scheme / Dam</b>	<b>River catchment</b>	<b>DM / LM</b>	<b>Restriction Required</b>
Oxkraal Dam*	Oxkraal River	Chris Hani DM,	30% of un-curtailed irrigation use
Cata Dam*		Amathole DM	50% of un-curtailed irrigation use

3. Apart from water stored in off-channel storage facilities or the schemes listed in Table 1 and Table 2, the taking of surface or ground water by all domestic and industrial water users within the listed secondary catchments (Table 3) within the Mzimvubu to Tsitsikamma Water Management Area in the Eastern Cape Province, be restricted by 20% (i.e. to 80% of the un-curtailed use). The secondary catchments are listed in Table 3; and,
4. Apart from water stored in off-channel storage facilities, or the schemes listed in Table 1 and Table 2, the taking of surface or ground water for all irrigation use is restricted by 50% (i.e. to 50% of the un-curtailed use), within the listed secondary catchments (Table 2) in the Eastern Cape Province. The secondary catchments are listed in Table 3 below:

**Table 3: River Catchments where drought is declared by the District Municipality and water restrictions are to be enforced in terms of this Notice.**

<b>Catchment</b>	<b>DM / LM</b>	<b>Restriction Required</b>
Mzamba River and its tributaries	Alfred Nzo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mnyameni River and its tributaries	Alfred Nzo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mtentu River and its tributaries	Alfred Nzo DM, OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Msikaba River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mkozi, Mzintlava, Mntafufu Rivers and their tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mzimvubu River and its tributaries	Alfred Nzo DM, OR TamboDM, Joe Gabi DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mngazi River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mnenu River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mtakatye River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mdumbi River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mtata River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mncwasa River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM & Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Ntlonyane River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mbashe River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM, ADM, Chris Hani DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Nqabara River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Shixini River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Qora River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Kobongaba River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Xolora River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Gcuwa River and its tributaries (Gt. Kei)	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Tsomo River and its tributaries (Gt. Kei)	Amathole DM & Chris Hani DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation

Swart Kei and its tributaries	Chris Hani DM (Inkwanca & Lukanji)	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Great Fish River and its tributaries above the influence of the Orange-Fish-Sundays GWS	Chris Hani DM (Inxuba Yethemba LM)	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Elandsriver and its tributaries upstream of Kommandodrift Dam	Chris Hani DM (Tsolwana LM)	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Sundays River and its tributaries upstream of the Darlington Dam	Camdenboo, Ikwezi & Blue Crane Route	20% domestic / 50% irrigation

This Notice overrides any other previous authorization on water use issued by the Department relating to the water users from the schemes and catchments specified in this Notice.

  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
 DATE: 22/02/2016