



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MINISTER SENZO MCHUNU CALLS WATER SERVICES AUTHORITIES IN TSHWANE TO TASK!

Following the intermittent water supply challenges in the Laudium and Atteridgeville areas, the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr Senzo Mchunu, has just convened a meeting, today 24 September 2021, with officials from the City of Tshwane, inclusive of Cllr Philip Nel, a Member of the Mayoral Committee, Executive Members of Rand Water as well as officials from the Gauteng Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). The Minister of Public Enterprises, Mr Pravin Gordhan, also formed part of the meeting.

The main purpose of the meeting was to engage the Water Services Authorities, being Rand Water and the municipality on their constant challenges in ensuring uninterrupted supply to the areas.

In citing the challenges, the City of Tshwane stated that the Laudium reservoir was a high lying reservoir and the current supply from Rand Water was not at effective pressure levels to ensure continued supply. Rand Water Chief Executive Officer, Mr Siphosiso Mosai, advised that the current supply to the areas could not meet the demands and attributed this to high water usage by the residents, urging for more efficient use.





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Minister Mchunu noted the points raised by both Water Services Authorities but further called them to task, stating that notwithstanding whatever reasons they were advancing, it shouldn't have been that residents are left 4-5 days without water. In addressing the meeting, the Minister had the following to say: *“At the end of the day, residents need water; the blame game will not assist in supplying water – we need to pull together as the City of Tshwane, Rand Water and the Department of Water and Sanitation and deliver water to the people!”*

In closing, the Minister tasked the DWS provincial officials, Rand Water, City of Tshwane along with all skilled technicians and engineers to convene a meeting tomorrow, 25 September 2021 at 08H00, mapping out what the challenges are and how they can be fixed to ensure little to no uninterrupted supply. The Minister further stated that the team would then report back on its plan to the Minister on Monday morning, 27 September 2021 at 10H00.

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