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DWS meets with stakeholders for the final national raw water consultation

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) on Friday, 25 August 2017, met with stakeholders from municipalities, water boards, water entities, civil society, and representatives of farmers as well as the private sector to provide final inputs for the 2018/19 raw water tariffs.

This consultation comes after numerous others were held across the country aimed at finding appropriate methods of funding water resource management, water resource development and use of waterworks as per section 56(2) of NWA.

Raw water which is natural water found in the environment and has not been treated, nor has had any minerals, ions, particles or living organisms removed is used by various industries which include the domestic and industrial, the forestry sector as well as the agriculture sector.

As part of the meeting, the proposed tariffs were tabled and 14.6% was proposed for the 2018/19 financial cycle for all the users.

Speaking at the consultation, DWS Chief Financial Officer of the Water Trading Entity, Mr Mpho Mofokeng said "the Water Resource Infrastructure Charges for the domestic and industrial sectors will increase from 0% to 14.6%. The irrigation charges will also range from 0%- 14.6%".

Furthermore, the water resource management charges for the domestic and industrial sectors will range from 0%-14.6%, and the forestry sector tariffs increase will also range from 0% - 14.6%. The irrigation sector charges will be capped and will range from 4%-14.6%, added Mr Mofokeng.

A representative of civil society Ms Hameeda Seedat reiterated the importance of progress and the effective and efficient implementation of policies.

Ms Seedat said if we are talking about an essential resource for life which is meant to benefit all people then we need to take all the work that has been done, including research, policies and consultative processes and ensure that the ordinary man on the street is able to benefit from this very resource.

Closing off the consultation Ms Sizani Moshidi: Acting Chief Director: Economic and Social Regulation said "Change is happening, the participation of the consultations has grown, the comments are becoming richer and deeper, we are moving towards the future".



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Ms Moshidi also said it is important to note that change cannot happen overnight, however if we continue working together, learning from past and present lessons we will be moving towards the right direction.

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