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Cllr. Khoba reprimand residents of Herschel during Water Week

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) together with Joe Gqabi District Municipality (JGDM) and Senqu Local Municipality gathered in Herschel on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 to mark the celebrations of Water Week. Water Week is DWS' flagship programme that is celebrated annually in collaboration with all stakeholders in the water sector. The aim of this campaign is to increase awareness about water and the importance thereof.

The Ward Councillor Zoleka Khoba and Mr Mandlenkosi Sithembele from the House of Traditional Leaders graced the event and highlighted the importance of water conservation as well effects of illegal connections on the water supply.

The challenge in Herschel is illegal connections which are implemented by inexperienced people on site. This negatively affects water supply because the pressure drops in the system and it causes water leaks.

The ward councillor urged the residents to save water particularly during this time of drought that has devastated the people in the province. The meeting took a resolution to legalise the illegal water connection activities. "All the people who have connected their houses to the water system illegally must come forward so that we can legalise the process and correct all illegal connections", said Councillor Khoba.

"People must take care of their own water infrastructure and they must stop vandalising it because when they do so, their own services will be negatively affected and as a result many people could suffer", concluded Thabo Motlohi, the Institution and Social Development (ISD) Coordinator from JGDM.

"We appeal to everyone to use water sparingly particularly now that our country is experiencing severe drought", reiterated Motlohi.

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