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Olifants water users engaged on raw water tariffs for 2019/20

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is currently busy consulting raw water users in the Olifants Catchment in preparation for the finalization of the tariffs for the 2019/20 financial year. Water users in the upper Olifants were engaged on 17 July 2018 in Emalahleni followed by water users in the middle Olifants on 19 July 2018 in Steelpoort. The water users in the lower Olifants will be engaged on 24 July 2018 in Phalaborwa.

“The purpose of this engagement meeting is to consult our water users and get comments and inputs in order to be able to set the raw water tariffs. This meeting is very important as without the consultations, we will not be able to set the tariffs”, stated Mr Sydney Nkuna in outlining the purpose of the engagement with the water users.

In terms of section 56, of National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 the Minister may, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, from time to time by notice in the Government Gazette, establish a pricing strategy for any water use within the framework of existing relevant government policy. The Minister as mandated by the National Water Act, from section 56-60 requires the Department of Water and Sanitation to establish a pricing for raw water charges. The water use charges are crucial for the funding of water resource development as well as achieving the equitable and efficient allocation of water.

The budget planning and price setting cycle objective is to ensure that Water Trading Entity (WTE) and internal stakeholders understand the impact of estimated costs versus revenue estimates and constantly improve on the uniformity of budget preparation by using relevant policy and guiding documents. Budgets and charges are determined by both Catchment Management Agencies and Operational Cluster offices.

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