



MEDIA ADVISORY

DWS consults the public in Mpumalanga on the Draft Policy on Water and Sanitation Services provision on Privately Owned Land

20 January 2023

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) continues with its national public consultations on the Draft Policy on Water and Sanitation Services provision on Privately Owned Land. DWS will be engaging Mpumalanga stakeholders and affected parties from Monday, 23 January 2023 until Friday, 27 January 2023 as part of its national public consultations.

The purpose of the national consultations is to solicit input on the Draft Policy from various stakeholders and individuals who have interests in the provision of water and sanitation services to privately owned land across the country.

Privately-owned land is a land that is not owned, controlled, or leased by the state. This may include commercial farms, mine owned land, churches owned land, trust properties, game parks, sectional or residential complexes among others.

The draft policy seeks to explore ways to redress the provision of water services to residents on privately owned land by ensuring that there is access to a safe and potable water supply and sanitation, supported by appropriate health and hygiene practices for the people living on those lands that are currently out of municipal distributing network, using water services intermediaries' mechanisms as enshrined in the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997).

The public consultations which commenced in December last year will span for a period of 60 days, and interested parties are also welcome to submit written comments to wspolicy@dws.gov.za or jalisal@dws.gov.za by the 17 February 2023.

Members of the media are hereby invited to the public consultations as follows:

Date : 23 January 2023
Venue : Capital Hotel, Mbombela
Time : 09:00

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