



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **DWS consults Olifants water users on Raw Water Tariffs for 2026/2027 financial year.**

**24 July 2025**

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) will engage water users in the Olifants River system in Middelburg on Monday, 28 July 2025 as part of the nationwide public consultation engagements with water users on raw water use charges for the 2026/2027 financial year.

Raw water tariff consultations aim to inform stakeholders, particularly water users, about the raw water user process and the proposed new raw water use charges. The goal of these consultations on the proposed tariffs is to ensure that the costs associated with managing and maintaining the water resource are covered by those who use the water.

In accordance with the Public Financial Management Act (PFMA) Act No 1 of 1999 and the Raw Water Pricing Strategy established under section 56(1) of the National Water Act No. 36 of 1998, the DWS is required to undertake annual budget planning and tariff determination.

The Department is required to consult with various water users, including mines, industries, agriculture, energy and domestic users, to gather their concerns and inputs, and to collaboratively address matters related to budgeting, revenue collection and billing complexities

#### **The media is invited as follows:**

**Date:** Monday, 28 July 2025  
**Time:** 09:00  
**Venue:** Steve Tshwete Local Municipality Office, Middelburg

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