



MEDIA ADVISORY

Deputy Ministers Seitholo and Mahlobo to commission R474 million Mpophomeni Wastewater Plant and champion Mandela Day River clean-up

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In a bold step to strengthen water security, improve sanitation, and protect vital ecosystems in KwaZulu-Natal, Deputy Ministers of Water and Sanitation, Sello Seitholo and David Mahlobo, will officially commission the R474 million Mpophomeni Wastewater Treatment Works on Friday, 18 July 2025.

This transformative project represents a major public investment in sustainable water management, bringing improved water quality and sanitation services to over 27,000 households in Mpophomeni, Khayelisha, and surrounding areas.

Spearheaded by uMngeni-uThukela Water in partnership with the uMgungundlovu District Municipality, the project includes a state-of-the-art treatment plant expanded from 6 to 12 million litres per day, a 7km treated effluent pipeline, and the rehabilitation of the Mpophomeni wetland, which is a key natural buffer in the local water system.

Following the commissioning, the Deputy Ministers, supported by the uMngeni-uThukela Water Board leadership, will roll up their sleeves and muddy their boots through a river clean-up as part of the Department's Clear Rivers Campaign, which aligns with the spirit of Nelson Mandela Day.

The clean-up calls on all South Africans to honour Madiba's legacy by taking action to protect and restore the country's water resources, particularly vital in water-scarce regions like Mpophomeni.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover as follows:

Date : Friday, 18 July 2025.

Venue : Mpophomeni Wastewater Treatment Works, uMngeni Local Municipality

Time : 09:00 – 15:00

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Accredited journalists will be provided with transport and accommodation. RSVP is essential by Tuesday, 15 July 2025 to confirm logistics.

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