



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Water Storage in N Cape Slightly Increases**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) Weekly Report on the State of Reservoirs in South Africa, issued on 20 July 2021, indicates that the Northern Cape's average water storage level is at 91%, an increase from last weeks' 87.2%.

The two major river systems in the Northern Cape, the Lower Orange River and the Vaal River are at 92.5% and 96.7% respectively.

Vanderkloof Dam, which is the second largest dam in the country bordering the Free State and Northern Cape is 99% full. The Karee Dam, the smallest dam and only dam in the Northern Cape supplying the people of Calvinia with water is at 27.5%.

The other dams in the Northern Cape are not designed for long term water storage but were rather designed to act as pump stations and divert water to various canals.

The Douglas Storage Weir in the Vaal River is at 17.753 million m<sup>3</sup> or 109.3%. The full supply capacity of the Weir is 16.245 million m<sup>3</sup>.

Boegoeberg Dam in the Orange River is at 20.613 million m<sup>3</sup> or 72.5%.

Spitskop Dam in the Harts River with a full supply capacity of 57.831 million m<sup>3</sup> is at 100.9% full.

The Vaalharts Weir in the Vaal River is at 41.893 million m<sup>3</sup> or 82.7% an increase from last weeks' 72.2%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation calls on all municipalities, business, civil society and domestic citizenry to conserve water by implementing water conservation programmes, fix burst and leaking pipes and regularly monitor boreholes to adhere to recommended yields and also not over abstract.

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