



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Grootdraai leads improvement in Gert Sibande District listed dam levels**

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The Grootdraai Dam in the Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) in Standerton in the Gert Sibande District of the Mpumalanga Province led the majority of listed dams in the district in recording improvements in water levels over the past week,

According to the latest Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 15 April 2024, Grootdraai Dam recorded an improvement from 95.1% to 96.7%.

The other listed dams that recorded improvements in water levels include Nooitgedacht from 96.0% to 96.9%, Westoe from 69.3% to 70.0%, Morgenstond with the highest improvement from 91.4% to 100.7%, and Heyshope from 100.8% to 102.7%.

On the downside in the Gert Sibande District, Vygeboom and Jericho dams recorded declines in water levels, dropping from 101.6% to 100.9% and 70.0% to 69.8% respectively.

The report also shows that the average dam levels in the Mpumalanga Province increased from 97.1% to 98.2%. In the Water Management Areas (WMAs), the Olifants WMA increased from 86.5% to 87.5% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA increased from 97.3% to 98.9%.

In terms of water levels per district, the Gert Sibande District recorded an improvement from 94.8% to 96.9%, Nkangala increased from 98.0% to 98.9% and Ehlanzeni recorded a drop from 100.4% to 100.0%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation calls on the public to practice water conservation and use the available water wisely and sparingly taking into consideration that the dry winter season is upon us, and that South Africa is a water scarce country where every drop counts as water has no substitute.

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