



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **DWS engage water users in Limpopo on proposed raw water use charges for next financial year**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is on a national consultation trail, this month and the next, to determine Raw Water Use charges for the 2026/27 financial year. The consultations aim to engage and solicit inputs and comments from users regarding proposed tariffs, which will ultimately inform the basis for the recommendation to the Minister for approval.

DWS has the responsibility to operate and maintain bulk Government Water Schemes in a sustainable manner to ensure effective and efficient supply of Bulk Raw Water for economic growth, social development and poverty eradication. Supplying water to all people at an acceptable level of assurance and quality costs money, both in terms of capital investment into infrastructure and the operation and maintenance associated with water treatment, bulk water distribution and reticulation in human settlements – making water a self-sufficient commodity.

The Raw Water Use charges are determined in accordance with the Pricing Strategy established by the Minister of Water and Sanitation, in terms of the National Water Act 36 of 1998, to allow Water Management Institutions to recover the costs associated with the water resource management, water resource development, as well as the Research, Development and Innovation projects for the benefit of the sector.

The Limpopo provincial leg of consultations are taking place in Thohoyandou, Musina, Polokwane, Alldays, Lephalale, Vaalwater, Thabazimbi, Tzaneen and Burgersfort between 07 July - 31 July 2025. They are targeting farmers, the mining sector and local governments among others. Inputs may also be forwarded in writing to [MaumelaD@dws.gov.za](mailto:MaumelaD@dws.gov.za) on or before 25 July 2025.

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