



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Eastern Cape dam levels record minimal drop, DWS calls for responsible water use**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is calling on residents of the Eastern Cape to continue using water sparingly, as dam levels across the province show a steady decline.

According to the latest weekly State of Reservoirs Report, the average dam levels in the province dropped to 80.5% this week, down from 80.9% last week. The Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Catchment Management Area also decreased slightly, from 80.7% last week to 80.4% this week.

The Algoa Water Supply System, which is critical to Nelson Mandela Bay and surrounding areas, has dropped to 65.0% compared to 75.8% at the same time last year. Within this system, Kouga Dam decreased to 73.2% this week from 74.0% last week, Loerie Dam fell sharply from 83.9% to 79.3%, while Impofu Dam remains low at 49.1%, compared to 49.4% last week.

In the Amathole District, most dams recorded decreases. Nahoon Dam dropped from 92.0% to 91.0%, Rooikrantz Dam from 92.7% to 91.6%, and Bridle Drift Dam from 97.5% to 96.1%. Laing Dam, however, remains at 100% full capacity.

Dams in the Chris Hani District continue to hold steady, with Xonxa Dam at 97.7% compared to 97.8% last week, Tsojana Dam at 99.9%, Macubeni Dam at 95.6%, and Waterdown Dam at 99.9%.

While some systems remain stable, the overall downward trend is a reminder that water is a scarce resource. DWS therefore urges all residents of the Eastern Cape to use water responsibly, reduce consumption wherever possible and protect this vital resource for the benefit of all.

The Department emphasises simple but effective water-saving measures, such as fixing leaking taps, reusing grey water for gardens, collecting rainwater where possible and avoiding the unnecessary use of clean water for non-essential purposes.

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