



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Eastern Cape water levels show signs of decrease, Department calls for urgent water conservation

For immediate release

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has released its weekly hydrological report, highlighting a gradual decline in water levels across key supply systems in the Eastern Cape. The report reveals a slight decrease in the Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Catchment Management Area from 83.2% last week to 82.5% this week.

The Algoa Water Supply System, which supplies water to Nelson Mandela Bay Metro (NMBM), Uitenhage, and surrounding areas, has dropped from 72.6% last week to 72.2% this week. Notable changes in individual dams include:

- **Kouga Dam:** Decreased from 80.4% to 79.7%
- **Loerie Dam:** Improved from 77.4% to 81.1%
- **Impofu Dam:** Slight drop from 55.3% to 55.0%

The Amathole Water Supply System, which supports Buffalo City Metro, has experienced a significant decline from 103.1% last week to 96.9% this week. While some dams remain at full capacity, such as Nahoon Dam (99.5%), Bridle Drift (101.7%), and Rooikrantz Dam (101.3%).

Meanwhile, the Klipplaat Water Supply System has seen a minor increase from 91.3% to 92.3%. Dams such as Xonxa, Macubeni, and Tsojana remain at full capacity (100%).

Despite some dams remaining at optimal levels, the overall trend of decreasing water levels across several key supply systems is concerning. As the dry winter season approaches, DWS urges all residents, businesses, and industries to use

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water wisely. Every drop counts and simple actions such as fixing leaks, using water-efficient appliances, and reducing non-essential water use can help ensure a stable water supply for the future.

The Department of Water and Sanitation remains committed to monitoring water levels and implementing sustainable water management strategies. However, the cooperation of all water users is vital in safeguarding this precious resource.

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