



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **DWS urges continued water conservation despite improved dam levels in the Eastern Cape**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has called on communities across the Eastern Cape to continue using water responsibly despite the recent improvement in dam storage levels across the province.

According to the Department's latest weekly water storage report, the province's overall dam storage increased from 88.6% last week to 92.7% this week, reflecting improved inflows across several water supply systems. While the increase is encouraging, the Department cautions that sustainable water security depends on responsible water use and the protection of water infrastructure.

The Algoa Water Supply System, which supplies water to the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality, improved from 100.8% last week to 102.6% this week. Kouga Dam increased from 101.1% to 103.3%, while Loerie Dam improved from 101.4% to 102.8%. Impofu Dam also recorded an increase from 100.6% to 102.4%.

The Amathole Water Supply System recorded a significant improvement, rising from 87.9% last week to 93.3% this week. Nahoon Dam increased from 72.4% to 79.9%, Bridle Drift Dam improved from 80.1% to 89.3%, and Rooikrans Dam rose from 91.2% to 99.7%. Laing Dam remains at full capacity at 104.5%.

The Klipplaat Water Supply System also showed a positive overall increase from 96.7% last week to 97.7% this week. Macubeni Dam improved from 97.5% to 102.0%, Xonxa Dam increased from 98.1% to 100.0%, and Waterdown Dam rose from 100.0% to 100.7%.

While these improvements provide much-needed relief, the Department emphasises that favourable dam levels should not be viewed as a reason to relax water-saving efforts. Climate variability, growing water demand, infrastructure challenges and water losses through leaks continue to place pressure on available water resources.

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The Department therefore urges all residents, businesses and institutions to continue practising water conservation by avoiding unnecessary water use, fixing leaks promptly and reporting water losses and infrastructure vandalism to the relevant authorities. The Department will continue to monitor dam levels and work with municipalities, water boards and other stakeholders to promote sustainable water use and strengthen water security across the Eastern Cape.

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