



Eastern Cape National Groundwater Strategy Workshop-comments

Theme/Chapter	Exact chapter	Comments	Sector
Theme 1-3 and 7	1	Groundwater Trust needs coordination through groundwater leadership or champion.	DWS
	1	Groundwater Trust should be through CMA, Funds paid to DWS should be used to control water of bulk users and there need to be regulations of contamination.	Agriculture
	3	There be regulation of commercial farming that uses groundwater	
		There should be regulation of domestic water use and regulation of stock farming.	
	3	Drilling of in residential areas should not be allowed or be regulated.	WUA
		CMA should apply better controls of groundwater to protect the users	Agriculture
	3	Schedule 1 use should be registered in order to ensure proper use of groundwater resources.	
		More research on water quality and quantity should be done as there is increased pressure on groundwater resources.	
	3	Private sector should be involved in management, monitoring and awareness programmes,	Consultant
Theme 4-6 and 8		The NGS should address ways to improve available groundwater information	Enviro consultant
		NGA database is currently outdated and consists of incorrect information; NGA therefore needs to be improved to assist groundwater research.	
		The groundwater database should be updated, schedule 1 should be registered.	DWS
Theme 9-11	11	Geohydrology should be promoted in EC universities and other provinces as some people don't even know about this field. There should be increased funding for universities to develop groundwater departments.	Enviro consultant

	11	<p>Groundwater should be introduced in geography curriculum from basic school level.</p> <p>The NGS should also be presented as a cpd course for practitioners to ensure that there is proper understanding and buy-in as well as NGS at University level.</p>	
	11	<p>There is a need for groundwater training, identifying of critical areas that need training should be part of the process.</p>	
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Theme 12		<p>The NGS should work to achieve the water management plan as a point of departure, to firstly raise awareness.</p>	WUA
		<p>The information on groundwater should b directed to local level for functional decisions about development also for competitiveness between industries in terms of aquifer management and strict groundwater monitoring.</p>	Agriculture
		<p>DWS needs to inform through Ground Water Division or Borehole Water Association of their plans such as monitoring programmes.</p> <p>NGS should also address the initiative for capacity building in DWS term tender in scope of the work.</p>	