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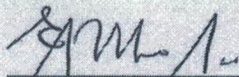
## REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES STRATEGY

I, Mr Senzo Mchunu, in my capacity as Minister of Water and Sanitation, and duly authorised in terms of section 5(5)(a) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998), hereby publish the draft National Water Resources Strategy for public comments.

Any person who wishes to submit written representations or comments on the revised National Water Resources Strategy is invited to do so within 90 days of publication of this Notice. All representations and comments must be submitted in writing to:

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Date:

7/6/22



## REVISED NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES STRATEGY

### Preamble

The National Water Resources Strategy (NWRS) provides the framework for the protection, use, development, conservation, management, and control of water resources of South Africa. It also provides the framework within which water will be managed at regional or catchment level, in defined water management areas. It is the primary mechanism and legal instrument of operationalizing or implementing the National Water Act. The National Water Resources Strategy is binding on all authorities and institutions exercising powers or performing duties under the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998). The National Water Resources Strategy has been established in a phased and progressive manner in separate components over time.

The Draft National Water Resources Strategy Third Edition (NWRS-3), version 2.6 consists of the following chapters and list of annexures:

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The detailed Draft National Water Resources Strategy Third Edition (NWRS-3) can be viewed from the Department of Water and Sanitation website, [www.dws.gov.za](http://www.dws.gov.za) under documents or visit the Department of Water and Sanitation Map Shop at Emanzini Building, 191 Francis Baard Street, Pretoria.