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Innovative Regulation in Support of Environment and IWQM

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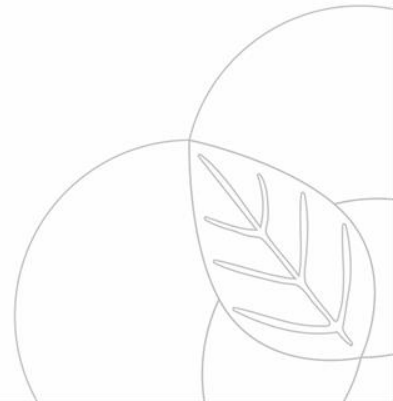


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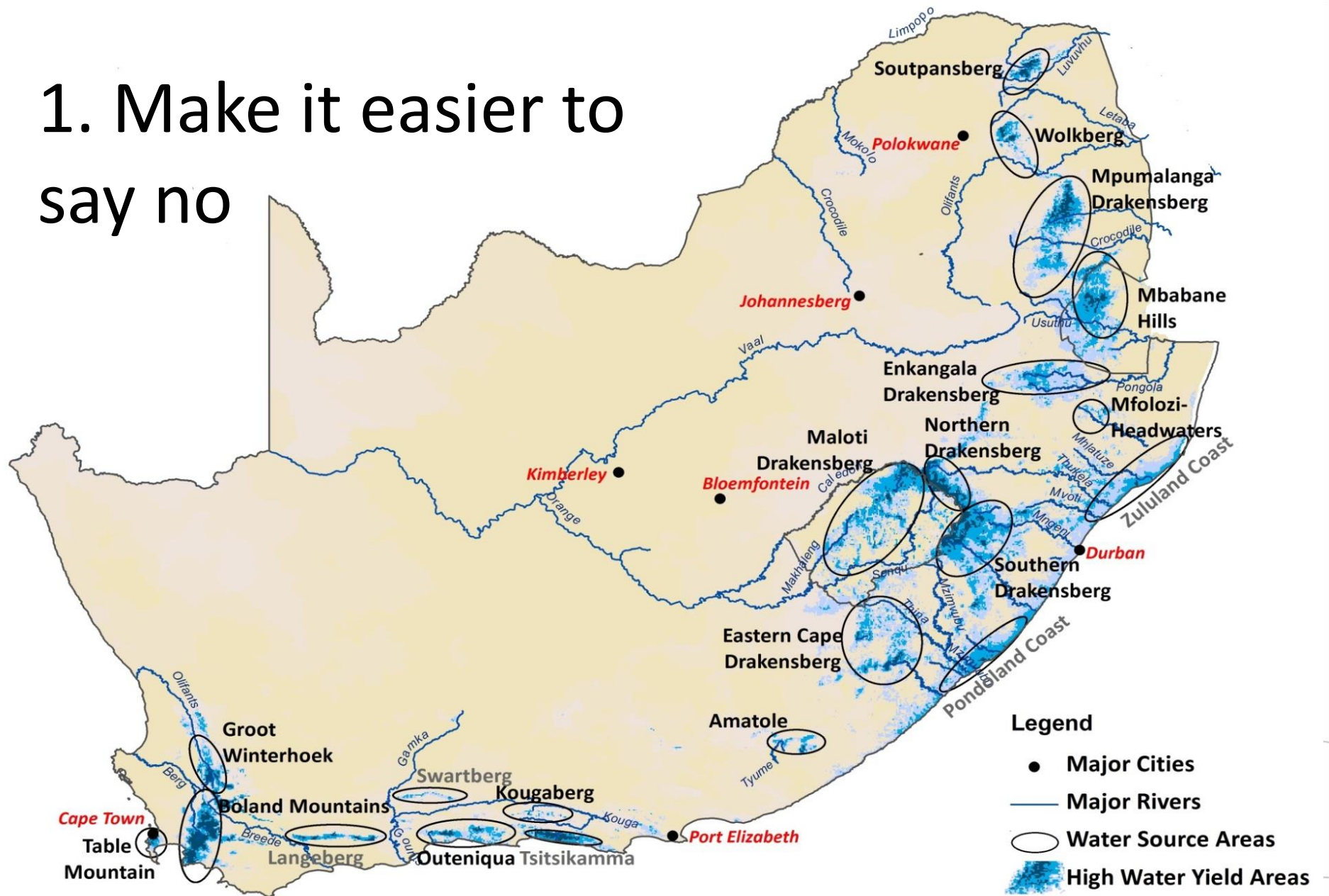


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1. Make it easier to say no
2. Make it easier to determine violations
3. Access more resources for regulation
4. Make punishment (and deterrence) easier
5. The exponential power of strategic communications



1. Make it easier to say no



2. Make it easier to determine violations

- Impossible licence conditions
- Recommendations in expert reports, e.g.:
“The Licensee must carry out and complete all the activities listed under condition X according to the following: [list of expert reports]”
- Increase pressure on external auditors



3. Accessing more resources for regulation

- Licence fees (penalties)
- Harnessing capacity from civil society through transparency



4. Making punishment (and deterrence) easier

- Use licence suspension more effectively
- Penalties



5. Exponential power of strategic communications

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