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Department of Water and Sanitation to clear Caledon River

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) together with the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF), one of the world's largest and most respected independent conservation organisations, with almost 6 million supporters and a global network active in over 100 countries, the Strategic Water Partnership Network (SWPN), as well as the National Business Initiative (NBI) that has an affiliation of hundreds of South African corporates, and Sparta Beef are the official partners to the DWS in the Clear Rivers Campaign.

The need for water security, particularly in the face of global climate change and a multitude of anthropogenic impacts affecting our rivers, calls for a national and unified approach to protect our rivers, wetlands and broader catchments, such that all people can benefit from the added-value products of healthy rivers and can have access to clean water for basic human needs. It is for this reason that the DWS would like to connect South Africans to their sources of water and the natural infrastructure that are crucial for a water secure future. The envisaged outcomes of the campaign are to ensure pollution free rivers and environmentally savvy communities. Pollution of water can be reported on DWS Hotline on 0800 200 200.

Details of the event are as follows:

Date : 25 July 2016

Venue : Setsoto Local Municipality Offices, Ficksburg

Time : 10h00

Media is invited to attend.

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