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Colesberg's R153 million bulk water supply scheme brings much needed relief

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According to Thenjiwe Konono, a resident of Colesberg, water cuts were a daily occurrence. "We used to be without water for hours on a daily basis, sometimes from morning till late afternoon"

The feasibility studies conducted in the Umsobomvu Municipal area revealed that the existing surface water infrastructure and groundwater resources for Colesberg were struggling to meet the demand from the towns by the year 2006 already.

As a result, the Department of Water and Sanitation in partnership with the Umsobomvu Local Municipality embarked on the Colesberg bulk water supply scheme to the tune of R153 million to ensure that the water shortages experienced not only in Colesberg but in Noupoort and Norvalpond come to an end.

The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Pamela Tshwete, recently handed over the Colesberg Bulk Water Supply Scheme to the Umsobomvu Local Municipality.

The project includes the construction of a 30 kilometre pipeline abstracting water from the Orange River to Colesberg, a new river abstraction works, a new pump station with complete civil, mechanical, electrical and electronic works, as well as the upgrading and extension of the existing Colesberg Water Treatment Works.

According to Deputy Minister Tshwete, "the aim of this critical piece of infrastructure is to speak to the eradication of any existing water backlogs and to ensure sustainable water services to the approximately 28 000 beneficiaries in the municipal jurisdiction of Umsobomvu Local Municipality at least until 2030".

Tshwete further said that "the delivery of safe potable water and dignified sanitation remains a cornerstone of the Department of Water and Sanitation together with its partners at provincial and local levels of government".

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