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KwaZulu-Natal to soon have one Water Board

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It is all set for the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) to establish one Water Board for KwaZulu-Natal. On the report aimed at analyzing the effectiveness of the National Development Plan (NDP), DWS identified many gaps in the current institutional arrangements within the country and for it to deliver on the NDP.

Currently KwaZulu-Natal has two Water Boards operating in the province. They are Umhlathuze and Umgeni Water Boards. The Minister of DWS, Ms Nomvula Mokonyane met with these water boards to brief them on her intentions to create a single water entity.

The envisioned entity intends to optimise efficiency in the delivery of services, extend the mandate of the entities to cover the entire province and intensify delivery of water to communities and to guarantee the delivery of quality water to residents of KwaZulu-Natal.

The Minister will lead from the front on all the processes of the dis-establishment of the current boards. The DWS will conduct all the required due-diligence processes and consultations, and with labour in particular, to ensure the transition will be as smooth and issue free as possible. The anticipated entity is intended to be functional at the end of the 2016/17 financial year.

The Minister indicated that on her engagement with the two water boards, the conditions looked favourable for such an establishment. She said that the provincial government has also been made aware of the next engagement which will be with the Department of Labour. This engagement will ensure a smooth transition process and that all the jobs are secured.

The Minister will update all the stakeholders and the public on regular basis about the process and its execution to ensure transparency and accountability.

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