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### INTERNET ARTICLE

#### People of Makana have a “good story to tell”

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*The Department of Water and Sanitation in collaboration with various water sector stakeholders' hands on efforts in ensuring that residents of Makana and Grahamstown in the Western Cape receive sustainable, uninterrupted, high-quality supply of water and decent sanitation is clearly starting to pay off. With the Makana Water Intervention Project just a few months old, it has achieved great milestones as far as water supply and water infrastructure refurbishment in Makana Municipality is concerned.*

*To date there are 69 bulk water modern, accurate meters installed in the area with 13 critical air valves installed along the main pipelines. To ensure uninterrupted water supply there was also refurbishment and upgrade of electricity systems necessary for water supply operations in the area. Residents that were previously experiencing water backlogs as a result of poor and ageing infrastructure are benefiting from this huge transformation. And this serves to support what Minister of Water and Sanitation Nomvula Mokonyane said during her visit with Deputy Minister Pamela Tshwete to the area that the department is serious that “water is life and sanitation is dignity”. This as the department has a Constitutional obligation to ensure that all citizens of South Africa have access to a safe and adequate water supply and dignified sanitation.*

*In addition to the installation of critical water pipes and other water resources, including the upgrading of existing ones, the department has also assisted the local municipality in ensuring that there is swift action to wipe out the issue of leaking taps and pipes. So far, 129 leaks have been repaired in the area.*

*Minister Mokonyane indicated that the Makana Water Intervention Project was not only focused at increasing the water supply in the area but also to eradicate sanitation indignity for the people of Makana through the speeding up of the Bucket Eradication Programme (BEP).*

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