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**TRANSFORMATION OF THE ELANDS VALLEY IRRIGATION BOARD,  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS OF BELFAST, WATERVAL BOVEN AND NELSPRUIT,  
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE, INTO THE ELANDS RIVER CATCHMENT WATER USER  
ASSOCIATION, WATER MANAGEMENT AREA NUMBER 5, MPUMALANGA  
PROVINCE .**

I, Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, in terms of section 98(6) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998), hereby declare that –

- (a) the Elands Valley Irrigation Board is a water user association;
- (b) the Association's name is the Elands River Catchment Water User Association;
- (c) the area of operation of the Elands River Catchment Water User Association includes all properties in respect of which any person is entitled to use water (surface and underground water) by virtue of entitlements in terms of section 22(1) of the Act from -
  - (i) the entire catchment of the Elands River in Mpumalanga, as depicted on the attached diagram, from its headwaters in the Belfast District to the confluence of the Elands River with the Crocodile River at Montrose in the Nelspruit District; and
  - (ii) any other water resource situated outside the area described in paragraph (c)(i) above, which water resource and accompanying area the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry or the responsible authority may require the Association to control,

which is situated in water management area number 5 in the Mpumalanga Province; and

- (d) the constitution of the Elands River Catchment Water User Association has been approved.



BUYELWA PATIENCE SONJICA  
MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

