

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY  
DEPARTEMENT VAN WATERWESE EN BOSBOU**

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THUKELA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT  
AGENCY (WATER MANAGEMENT AREA NUMBER 7) IN THE PROVINCE OF  
KWAZULU NATAL**

I, Lindiwe Benedicta Hendricks, Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, hereby in terms of section 78(1) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998), declare that-

- (a) the Thukela Catchment Management Agency is established;
- (b) the Catchment Management Agency's name is the Thukela Catchment Management Agency;
- (c) the area of operation of the Thukela Catchment Management Agency which is situated in the Water Management Area Number 7 in the Province of KwaZulu Natal, includes all properties in respect of which any person is entitled to use water by virtue of entitlements in terms of section 22(1) of the Act from:
  - i) The Thukela Water Management Area, Number 7, as described in the National Water Resource Strategy, as published on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2005 in Government Gazette No. 27459, Notice No. 479, and which includes the Thukela River, a principal river of KwaZulu-Natal province and ranked as the largest river by volume in South Africa. The major tributary of the Thukela is the Buffalo. Other smaller but important tributaries include the Bushmans, Mooi, Little Thukela, Klip, Sundays and Blood rivers.
  - ii) Any other water resources situated outside the area described in paragraph (c)(i) above, which water resources and accompanying area the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry or the responsible authority may require the Thukela Catchment Management Agency to control,
- (d) The proposal of the Thukela Catchment Management Agency has been approved.

**LINDIWE BENEDICTA HENDRICKS MP  
MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY**