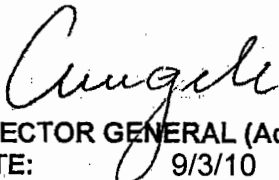


**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS****No. 577****2 July 2010****RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF DOMESTIC WATER IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MOSSELBAY, GEORGE, KNYSNA AND BITOU IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

I, Nobubele Ngele, in my capacity as Acting Director-General of the Department of Water Affairs, by virtue of the powers vested in me on section 63, read together with section 72, of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), hereby direct that, in terms of section 6(1)(i) of schedule 3 of the National Water Act, 1998, the following Notice should apply in the municipalities of Mossel Bay, George, Knysna, and Bitou in the Western Cape, as from 1 January 2010 until further notice:

- The taking of raw water for domestic and industrial purposes from natural resources in the areas of jurisdiction of the following municipalities be reduced by 40%, to supply 60% of the unrestricted use. The reduction is based on water consumption in the periods as indicated, and will be adjusted to allow for population growth: Mossel Bay (2008), George (2008), Knysna (2004) and Bitou (2006).
- The taking of groundwater from private boreholes for the irrigation of gardens is not permitted between 7h00 and 19h00 hours.

This Notice overrides any other previous authorisation on water restrictions issued by the Department of Water Affairs relating to this area.

  
DIRECTOR GENERAL (Acting)  
DATE: 9/3/10