
GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 465 OF 2014

Nominations for chairperson of the Water Tribunal

Section 146 and Item 3 of Schedule 6 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (the Act) empowers the Minister to call for Nominations for appointments to the Water Tribunal (Tribunal). The Honourable Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs Mrs Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, MP, hereby invites nominations for the vacant position of chairperson of the Tribunal.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE TRIBUNAL

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) shall receive nominations, shortlist and interview suitable persons qualified in law and make a recommendation of at least 2 (two) such persons for the Minister to consider and to appoint as the chairperson of the Tribunal.

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All appointments will be for a period to be determined by the Minister in terms of section 146 and Item 3 of Schedule 6 of the Act.

The conditions of appointment and the remuneration of the chairperson are determined by the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs in consultation with the Minister of Finance.

FUNCTIONS

The activities of the Tribunal will mainly consist of hearing appeals against decisions on entitlements to use water and appeals against directives to remedy a wrongdoing or prevent pollution of water resources. It may also determine compensation when required to do so in terms of the Act.

Functions will also include perusing of case files, undertaking research, hearing of cases and writing rulings.

The chairperson will also perform administrative tasks, particularly the allocation of cases to Tribunal members and monitoring their progress, and writing of reports for the Minister, and shall be assisted by the Registrar of the Tribunal in these tasks.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT

Nominees must be South African citizens, possessing the recognized academic qualifications and applicable experience, and be members of the registered professional bodies.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

No person may hold office as a member of the Tribunal-

- if that person is an unrehabilitated insolvent, or
- if that person has been convicted of any offence involving dishonesty or has been sentenced to imprisonment without an option of a fine. A disqualification under the above ends 3 (three) years after the sentence has been served.

Nominations must be accompanied by a full curriculum *vitae*, certified copies of the Identity Documents, valid drivers licence and academic qualifications of the nominee and the acceptance of the nomination must be in writing. Every nomination must be signed by a proposer and a seconder, neither of whom may be the nominee.

The nominations must be sent directly to the JSC at the addresses below and a copy thereof must be sent to the acting Registrar of the Tribunal, Ms Refilwe Tlhabadira for record purposes.

Enquiries can be directed to the Department of Water Affairs, Chief Director: Legal Services, Mr Puseletso Loselo, at 012 336 7705, e-mail: loselop@dwa.gov.za or the Acting Registrar of the Tribunal, Ms Refilwe Tlhabadira at 012 336 6825, e-mail: tlhabadirar@dwa.gov.za.

The closing date for receipt of the nominations is Thursday, 22 July 2014.

Nominations for Chairperson must be sent to:
The Acting Secretary
Mr Sello Chiloane
Judicial Service Commission,
Constitutional Court, Constitutional Hill,
Private Bag X1
BRAAMFONTEIN 2017,
Tel: 011 838 2019
Fax: 086 649 0944
Email: Chiloane@concourt.org.za

Copies of both Nominations must be sent to:
The Acting Registrar of the Tribunal
Ms Refilwe Tlhabadira
Water Tribunal
Private Bag X316,
PRETORIA, 0001
Tel: 012 336 6825
Fax: 012 336 7321
Cell: 071 8524 802
Email: tlhabadirar@dwa.gov.za

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