

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

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RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES IN THE MZIMVUBU-TSITSIKAMMA WATER MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA 7) IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

By virtue of the powers vested in me in Section 63, read together with Section 72, of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998), I, Margaret Anne Diederichs, in my capacity as Director General of the Department of Water and Sanitation:-

- (a) Am of the opinion that water shortages exists in areas of the Eastern Cape Province; and,
- (b) Direct, in terms of Section 6(1)(i) of Schedule 3 of the National Water Act, 1998, that for the period from 1 February 2016 until 28 February 2017, or until any further Notice that is published in this regard, that: -
 - (i) The taking of water from the water schemes listed in Table 1 below by all domestic, industrial and hydropower generation users from these schemes in the Eastern Cape Province, be restricted by the percentage shown in Table 1; and,

Scheme / Dam	River catchment	DM / LM	Restriction Required
Algoa System*	Kromme River, Kouga River.	NMBM, Kouga LM	15% of un-curtailed domestic and industrial use
Mlanga Dam*	Mlanga River	ORT DM	20% of un-curtailed use
Corana Dam*	Corana River	ORT DM	15% of un-curtailed use
Nqadu*	Nqadu River	ORT DM	10% of un-curtailed use
Belfort Dam*	Mafube River	ANDM	30% of un-curtailed use
Ntenetyana Dam*	Ntenetyana River	ANDM	10% of un-curtailed use
Xilinx Dam*	Xilinx River	ADM	10% of un-curtailed use
Toleni Dam	Toleni River	ADM	10% of un-curtailed use
Ncora Dam*	Tsomo River	ADM / CHDM	No hydro power generation below 50%
Nqweba Dam	Sundays River	Camdeboo LM	10% of un-curtailed use

Table 1: Water Schemes with restricted use, (* based on Dam Operating Rules and risk assessments).

- (ii) The taking of water for irrigation use, from the water schemes listed in Table 2 below, be restricted by the percentage shown in Table 2;

Scheme / Dam	River catchment	DM / LM	Restriction Required
Oxkraal Dam*	Oxkraal River	CHDM	30% of un-curtailed irrigation use
Cata Dam		ADM	50% of un-curtailed irrigation use

Table 2: Water Schemes with restricted irrigation use, (* based on Dam Operating Rules).

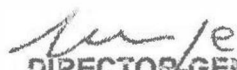
- (iii) Apart from water stored in off-channel storage facilities or the schemes listed in Table 1 and Table 2, the taking of surface or ground water by all domestic and industrial water users within the listed secondary catchments (Table 3) within the Mzimvubu to Tsitsikamma Water Management Area in the Eastern Cape Province, be restricted by 20% (i.e. to 80% of the un-curtailed use). The secondary catchments are listed in Table 3; and
- (iv) Apart from water stored in off-channel storage facilities, or the schemes listed in Table 1 and Table 2, the taking of surface or ground water for all irrigation use is restricted by 50% (i.e. to 50% of the un-curtailed use), within the listed secondary catchments (Table 3) in the Eastern Cape Province. The secondary catchments are listed in Table 3;

Catchment	DM / LM	Restriction Required
Mzamba River and its tributaries	Alfred Nzo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mnyameni River and its tributaries	Alfred Nzo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mtentu River and its tributaries	ANDM, ORTDM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Msikaba River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mkozi, Mzintlava, Mntafufu Rivers and their tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mzimvubu River and its tributaries	ANDM, ORTDM, JGDM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mngazi River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mnenu River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mtakatye River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mdumbi River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mtata River and its tributaries	OR Tambo DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mncwasa River and its tributaries	ORTDM & ADM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Ntlonyane River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Mbashe River and its tributaries	ORTDM, ADM, CHDM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Nqabara River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Shixini River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Qora River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Kobonqaba River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Xolora River and its tributaries	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Gcuwa River and its tributaries (Gt. Kei)	Amathole DM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Tsomo River and its tributaries (Gt. Kei)	ADM & CHDM	20% domestic / 50% irrigation

Swart Kei and its tributaries	CHDM (Inkwanca & Lukanji)	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Great Fish River and its tributaries above the influence of the Orange-Fish-Sundays GWS	CHDM (Inxuba Yethemba LM)	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Elandsriver and its tributaries upstream of Kommandodrift Dam	CHDM (Tsolwana LM)	20% domestic / 50% irrigation
Sundays River and its tributaries upstream of the Darlington Dam	Camdemboo, Ikwezi & Blue Crane Route	20% domestic / 50% irrigation

Table 3: River Catchments where drought is declared by the District Municipality and water restrictions are to be enforced in terms of this Notice.

This Notice overrides any other previous authorization on water use issued by the Department relating to the water users from the schemes and catchments specified in this Notice.


 DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)
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