

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES • GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS****DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION****NO. 3022****10 February 2023****PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MAKHATHINI LOWER PONGOLA WATER USER ASSOCIATION, KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE**

I, Senzo Mchunu, the Minister of Water and Sanitation, hereby declare in terms of section 92(3) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) that –

- (a) the proposed name is the Makhathini Lower Pongola Water User Association (WUA).
- (b) the proposed area of operation commences from the W44E quaternary catchment in the basin of Pongolapoort Dam flowing north down the Pongola River catchment to the boarder of Mozambique, stretching to the eSwatini Boarder in the west and aligning to the 45a and 45b quaternary boundaries on the east. This incorporates the quaternaries W43F, W45A,B, and W57K. The said area of operation of the WUA will encompass four (4) sub-areas which are demarcated as follows:
- i. Sub-area 1: W44E, which incorporates the Pongolapoort dam and the surrounding properties.
  - ii. Sub-area 2: W45A, which incorporates its boundaries down to Makhathini in south, the boundary of the quaternary in the east, and to the boarder of eSwatini.
  - iii. Sub-area 3: W45B, located in the north-east of the catchment.
  - iv. Sub-area 4: W43F and W57K located in the north-west of the catchment, stretching from Ingwavuma in the southern part of the sub-area, to Ndumo in the North.
  - v. which is situated in water management area in the KwaZulu Natal Province; and


All interested persons are invited to send their comments in writing on the proposed establishment of the Makhathini Lower Pongola WUA to:

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**  
DATE 04/02/2023