

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

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INTENTION TO DISESTABLISH LEBALELO WATER USER ASSOCIATION (LWUA) AND INCORPORATE IT INTO LEPELLE NORTHERN WATER (LNW) IN TERMS OF SECTION 96 (2) OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 36 OF 1998)

I, Nomvula Paula Mokonyane, the Minister of Water and Sanitation, hereby give notice in terms of Section 96 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), of my intention

- a) to disestablish the LWUA; and
- b) direct that the operations and functions of the LWUA be transferred to the LNW.

The reasons for the disestablishment of the LWUA are that the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is implementing the rationalisation of water management institutions in line with the DWS' Institutional Reforms and Realignment Project of 2013. The rationalization process will lead to –

- improved service delivery in ensuring access to basic water supply by all the communities and users in and around the Olifants Water Management Area;
- improved efficiencies in the management and water supply in the Olifants Water Management Area;
- promote effective implementation of the Water Resource Pricing Strategy;
- enable the DWS to have a single operator for the Bulk Distribution System (ORWRDP 2-BDS) and therefore promote economies of scale in the costing of water; and
- manage the water supply using a Systems Based Approach and allow for cross subsidization.

The DWS is in the process of commissioning Phase 2 of Olifants River Water Resource Development Project Bulk Distribution System (ORWRDP 2-BDS). For the project to be successful, all the infrastructure in the System must be aligned to ensure seamless operations. It is for this reason that I intend disestablishing the LWUA to allow Olifants and Steelpoort river systems to be integrated so as to ensure that it operates hydrologically, financially and institutionally as an integrated system, managed by a single operator.

All interested persons are invited to comment in writing on the disestablishment of the LWUA within a period of 60 days. All such comments must be addressed to:

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