

Presentation to the Portfolio Committee:  
Water & Environment

Emergency response plan for  
eradication of water use authorisation  
applications backlog : Letsema

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**Purpose of the Presentation**

To provide PPC with an overview on the  
Departmental Project( Letsema) for the  
eradication of Water Use Authorisation  
Applications Backlog

## Out-line

- Background
- What Water Use Authorisation is?
- Rationale for Eradicating the Backlog
- Letsema
- Composition
- Schedule & Modus operandi
- Progress thus far ( regions visited )
- Sustainability Plan



## What water use is?



## Section 21 (A-K): Water Uses

21. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, WATER USE INCLUDES-

- (a) TAKING WATER FROM A WATER RESOURCE;
- (b) STORING WATER;
- (c) IMPEDING OR DIVERTING THE FLOW OF WATER IN A WATERCOURSE;
- (d) ENGAGING IN A STREAM FLOW REDUCTION ACTIVITY CONTEMPLATED IN S36;
- (e) ENGAGING IN A CONTROLLED ACTIVITY IDENTIFIED AS SUCH IN S37(1) OR S38(1);
- (f) DISCHARGING WASTE OR WATER CONTAINING WASTE INTO A WATER RESOURCE THROUGH A PIPE, CANAL, SEWER, SEA OUTFALL OR OTHER CONDUIT;

## Section 21 (A-K): Water Uses (Cont...)

- (g) DISPOSING OF WASTE IN A MANNER WHICH MAY DETRIMENTALLY IMPACT ON A WATER RESOURCE;
- (h) DISPOSING IN ANY MANNER OF WATER WHICH CONTAINS WASTE FROM, OR WHICH HAS BEEN HEATED IN, ANY INDUSTRIAL OR POWER GENERATION PROCESS;
- (i) ALTERING THE BED, BANKS, COURSE OR CHARACTERISTICS OF A WATERCOURSE;
- (j) REMOVING, DISCHARGING OR DISPOSING OF WATER FOUND UNDERGROUND IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR EFFICIENT CONTINUATION OF AN ACTIVITY OR THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE;
- (k) USING WATER FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

## Benefits/Rationale for Eradication of the Backlog

- Improve the image of the Department and that of Government
- Enhancement of Regulatory role
- Better position to deal with Appeals/Tribunal
- Affirm DWA's role as facilitator of economic activity
- Anchors DWA's contribution to government's programs such as ASGISA & poverty alleviation, etc.

# Letsema

## Letsema Concept

### "Letsema"

Setswana word, meaning a group/team of people coming together in order to achieve a common goal/purpose

## Composition of Letsema Team

2 Teams constituted by Regions and National Office personnel plus Professional Service Providers (PSP)

### **Group A scheduled for:**

- North West,
- National Office,
- Limpopo,
- Eastern Cape, and
- Gauteng

### **Group B scheduled for:**

- Kwa-Zulu Natal,
- Northern Cape,
- Mpumalanga,
- Western Cape, and
- Free State

# Modus Operandi & Schedule



## ***Modus Operandi***

- Define the Backlog;
- Categorize the backlog;
- Develop an action plan to deal with various categories
- Ensure redress and equity as backlog is eradicated
- Monitoring implementation progress of the plan

TENTATIVE LETSEMA SCHEDULE														
MONTH	JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		MAY/APR		APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
WEEK	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25
DATES	18/01-22/01	25/01-29/01	01/02-12/02	15/02-26/02	01/03-12/03	15/03-26/03	29/03-09/04	06/04-16/04	19/04-30/04	03/05-14/05	17/05-28/05	31/05-11/06	14/06-25/06	28/06-02/07
<b>GROUP A</b>														
EC		PNG				E	RFU					E	RFU	
LP		PNG			PA		RFU			E			RFU	
NO		PNG		E			RFU						RFU	E
NW		PNG	PA				RFU		E				RFU	
GP		PNG					RFU	PA			E		RFU	
<b>GROUP B</b>														
NC		PNG	E				RFU				E		RFU	
KZN	2PA	PNG				E	RFU	E					RFU	
WC		PNG			E		RFU					E	RFU	
MP		PNG		PA			RFU		E				RFU	
FS		PNG				PA	RFU			E			RFU	NEW
<b>LEGEND</b>														
PNG	PLANNING OF ACTIVITIES FOR LETSEMA						RFU	REGIONAL FOLLOW UPS						
PA	PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF WULAs						2PA	PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF WULAs BY 2 GROUPS						
E	EVALUATION OF WULAs						11-12	WEEK & DATE OF A PUBLIC HOLIDAY						



# Progress thus far

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## Regions Visited and Letsema Progress thus far

REGION	REPORTED BACKLOG	TOTAL PRESENTED TO LETSEMA	WULAs IN PROCESS		WULAs NOT PROCESSED	WUAAAC RECOMMENDATIONS	
			COMPLETE WULAs	OUTSTANDING INFORMATION		RECOMMENDED FOR ISSUANCE	DECLINED
KZN	935	566	16	550	0	10	1
NW	462	224	98	99	27	15	0
NC	405	710	525	129	56	2	488
NO	176	290	31	259	0	14	0
MP	125	203	27	128	60	10	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2103</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>497</b>



## Long Term Sustainability – Strive towards no backlog

- Skills Acquisition
- Training (continuous)
- Review of the Business Process
- Review of delegations
- Extension officers for assistance to HDIs (consideration)

