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- 1 NWRS is not a strategy at all – it has no factual basis as the actual resource has not been quantified
- 2 The Department of Water Affairs has to be the first entity approached in new mining, fracking and industrial projects as 98% of South Africa’s water is already accounted for and we have a commitment to everyone in the country to provide them with clean drinking water
- 3 People before all else as industry/mining/fracking/agriculture etc requires workers. The constitution puts community access to water first.
- 4 UN has passed a resolution on water as a fundamental human right in 2010 and this was put into our constitution
- 5 Local training on water infrastructure maintenance – Alex project is the pilot
- 6 Water demand management and job creation
- 7 Waste water works and creating people to run them
- 8 Technology alternatives – biodigesters
- 9 AMD solutions – the mining companies have to fund this, both for the past and currently
- 10 Cleaning of rivers to fresh water
- 11 Bring Minister to Emfuleni to understand the problems with sewerage and water quality management strategy
- 12 Get government people into the field
- 13 Polluter pays has to be applied and enforced to protect water resources
- 14 Wetland protection and rehabilitation
- 15 Implementation and enforcement of the NWA
- 16 Centralising of water governance is opposed
- 17 Equal representation of all I&APs on water fora and CMAs We demand the decentralisation of water so that it can be dealt with locally including monitoring of quality and quantity. So forums must be funded and have community at their heart.
- 18 Educate communities in the south on water and infrastructure.
- 19 Issue of corporatisation of water needs to be addressed
- 20 We need to give our support to the provinces affected by fracking
- 21 Need to increase numbers in GWC; alert people and build on this foundation.

This was agreed on by the Gauteng Water Caucus on 25 September 2012