

Tyhileka madubela - Comment on NWRS2 2012

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Ms Tyhileka Madubela

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Dear Ms Madubela

COMMENTS ON NATIONAL WATER RESOURCE STRATEGY

As a Professor of Public and Development Management, a Registered Professional Engineer and a Commissioner of the National Planning Commission, I wish to comment on the National Water Resource Strategy 2012.

Rather than go into detail in a written submission, I submit that:

The NWRS2 does not comply with the requirements of the National Water Act (1998) (NWA) and that specifically,

- It does not provide the information required by the NWA
- It does not report on progress since NWRS2004 was adopted
- It does not provide sufficient information to evaluate the proposals made
- It is internally contradictory in crucial respects; and
- It contains proposals that, if implemented, would pose a serious threat to the water security of South Africa and all South Africans.

To illustrate some of these points, I attach a newspaper article that I authored earlier this year, highlighting a handful of the glaring omissions and commissions.

I would be happy to present more details in a structured way during your hearings.

Regards

Professor Mike Muller