



Dear Capetonians,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and thriving despite the challenges we face as a community. Today, we want to shed light on the current situation of the water infrastructure in the Western Province and provide you with updates on our collective efforts to ensure a sustainable water future.

As you all know, water is an invaluable resource in our beautiful region, and it's essential that we continue to be mindful of its scarcity. Over the past years, Cape Town has experienced drought conditions that have put significant strain on our water supply. While we have made remarkable progress in water conservation and management, we must remain vigilant in preserving this vital resource.

The good news is that our combined efforts have yielded positive results. Water consumption has decreased significantly, and our dams have shown gradual improvement. However, we must not become complacent. The Western Province's water infrastructure continues to require careful management and investment to meet our growing needs sustainably.

*So, what's the current state of our water infrastructure?*

#### 1. Dam Levels:

While we've seen a slow recovery in dam levels, it's crucial to recognise that we still need to maintain responsible water usage. As of the latest update, our dams are at an average of 82.6% capacity. This improvement is a testament to your water-wise actions.

#### 2. Infrastructure Upgrades:

The Western Cape government, in collaboration with the City of Cape Town, has been actively investing in upgrading our water infrastructure. Projects such as pipe relining at Tygerberg Hospital and various other initiatives aim to enhance the efficiency and reliability of our water supply systems.

#### 3. Climate Resilience:

As climate change continues to impact our region, we are working on implementing long-term solutions to ensure our water infrastructure is more resilient. This includes exploring alternative water sources, desalination projects, and water recycling initiatives.

#### 4. Community Engagement:

We believe that water sustainability is a collective effort. Our government and local communities are continuously engaging in awareness campaigns, educational programs, and community projects to promote water conservation and responsible usage.

#### 5. Water Restrictions:

Although we've seen improvements, water restrictions remain in place. Adhering to these restrictions is vital to safeguard our water supply and build a more resilient future.

**OUR COMMITMENT TO WATER CONSERVATION IS UNWAVERING. AND WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE INCREDIBLE SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE OF CAPE TOWN. HOWEVER, IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT WE MAINTAIN OUR EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY AS WE NAVIGATE UNCERTAIN TIMES.**

**As Capetonians, we can make a difference:**

**1. Continue Water-Wise Practices:**

Use water responsibly, fix leaks promptly, and employ water-saving measures in your daily routines.

**2. Stay Informed:**

Keep yourself updated on the latest water-related news and guidelines from the City of Cape Town and relevant authorities.

**3. Report Water Issues:**

If you notice any water-related concerns in your area, such as leaks or bursts, report them promptly to the authorities for swift action.

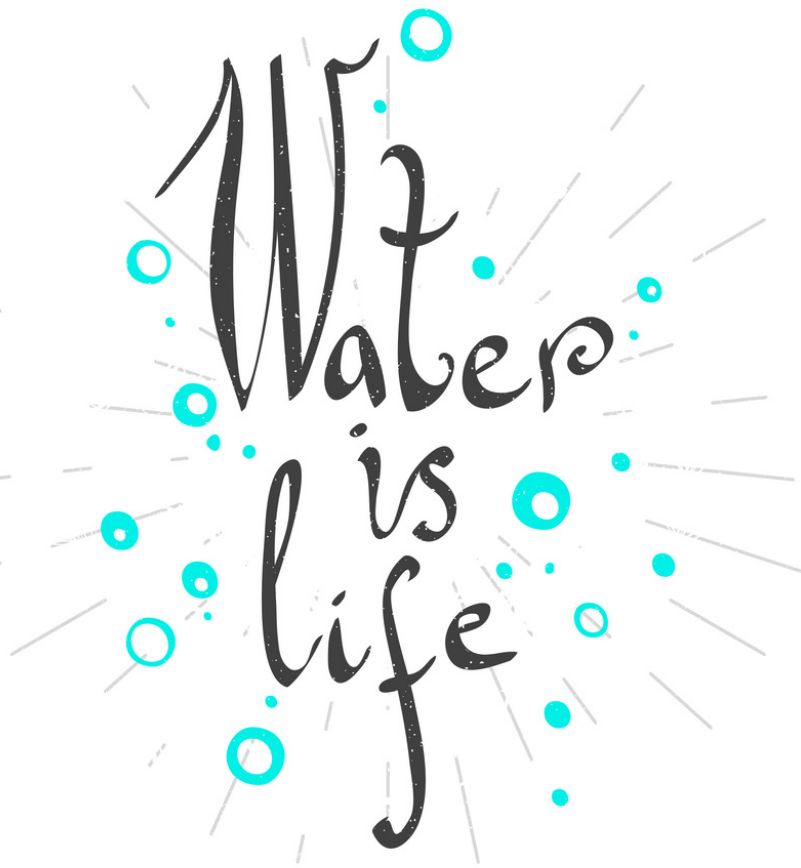
**4. Embrace Innovation:**

Support and explore new water-saving technologies and initiatives that contribute to the sustainability of our water resources.

Remember, every drop counts.

Let's continue to work together, as a united community, to safeguard our precious water supply for generations to come.

Stay water-wise, stay informed, and stay connected.



**What's the state of Western Cape dams?**

The province is supplied with water by 44 main dams.

These dams collectively hold a maximum storage capacity of 1 870.4 million cubic meters.

Cape Town dam levels on 22 January 2024: 82.6%.

<https://www.westerncape.gov.za/general-publication/latest-western-cape-dam-levels>



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