

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

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DRAFT NATIONAL WATER RESOURCE INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY BILL: EXTENSION FOR PERIOD OF INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT UNTIL 17 MARCH 2023

1. I, Senzo Mchunu, MP, Minister of Water and Sanitation, hereby, publish the extension of period for public comment until 17 March 2023 on the draft Bill for the establishment of the National Water Resource Infrastructure Agency which was published on 16 September 2022 on gazette number 46917 notice No 2508.
2. A copy of the draft Bill can be downloaded on the website of the Department of Water and Sanitation at <http://www.dws.gov.za.legislation.php>.
3. The draft Bill relates to the establishment of the National Water Resource Infrastructure Agency (NWRIA), which will be established as a Schedule 2 Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), Major state-owned entity. The agency envisages undertaking the design planning, financing, development, and operation of the national water resource infrastructure, that serves water users.
4. The Bill seeks to ensure a sustainable, equitable and reliable supply of water from the national water resources infrastructure; whilst meeting our Constitutional obligations set out in sections 10, 11, 24, 27(1)(b) and 27(2) including the national and regional social and economic objectives of national policy.
5. All interested persons and organisations are invited to submit written comment on the NWRIA draft Bill until 17 March 2023. Written representations received after this time may not be considered. All such comments must be addressed to:

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6. Kindly provide the name, address, telephone number and email address of the person or organisation submitting the comments. By making submission the commentator agrees that the name of the commentator and the submission may be made public by the Department of Water and Sanitation and the submission will be disclosed if requested in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act No. 2 of 2000).


**MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 24/01/23**