

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

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INTENTION TO DISESTABLISH SEDIBENG WATER (SW) AND TRANSFERING OF STAFF; ASSETS AND LIABILITIES INTO BOTH MAGALIES WATER AND BLOEM WATER


I, Mr Senzo Mchunu, in my capacity as Minister of Water and Sanitation, hereby, in terms of section 28 of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997), propose the following:

- a) The disestablishment of Sedibeng Water established in terms of section 28 of the Water Services Act, 1997.
- b) That the staff, assets, and liabilities including operations of Sedibeng Water be transferred to Magalies Water and Bloem Water (North-West assets and liabilities to Magalies Water, the Free State and Northern Cape assets and liabilities to Bloem Water).
- c) Gazette the extension of the geographic areas of Magalies Water and Bloem Water so that the former Sedibeng Water's areas are reallocated to them.
- d) That the disestablishment will be done in terms of section 28 (1) (a) (b) (c) and (d) of the Water Services Act, 1997 which states that: "***The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, establish a water board; give it a name or approve a change of its name; determine or change its service area or disestablish it***".

Following working sessions with the Provincial Governments, various Water Services Authorities and Water Boards regarding issues of governance, financial viability, accountability, and broader service delivery issues, a decision was taken to review Water Boards. The review is based on considerations of financial sustainability, servicing areas that are not currently being serviced and is also intended to address institutional confusion caused by having multiple water boards servicing the same area. I approved the proposal to disestablish Sedibeng Water in terms of Section 28 of Water Services Act, 1997 and transfer the North West assets and liabilities to Magalies Water, the Free State and Northern Cape assets and liabilities to Bloem Water and gazette the extension of the geographic areas of Magalies Water and Bloem Water so that the former SW areas are reallocated to them.

All interested persons are invited to comment in writing on the disestablishment of Sedibeng Water for a period of forty (40) days from the date of publication of this notice. All such comments must be addressed to:

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