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# NOTIFICATION TO INTRODUCE THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCE INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY BILL, 2023 INTO PARLIAMENT AND PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE BILL

I, Mr Senzo Mchunu, in my capacity as the Minister of Water and Sanitation intend to introduce the National Water Resource Infrastructure Agency Bill, 2023, into Parliament. The following Explanatory Summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rules 271 and 276 (1)(b) and (c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The National Water Resource Infrastructure Agency Bill, 2023 ("the Bill") seeks:

- (a) To establish a juristic person under the ownership and control of the State in order to administer, fund, finance, develop, operate, maintain, manage and provide advisory services in respect of national water resources infrastructure in an efficient and costeffective manner to meet the social and economic developmental needs of current and future water users within the framework of national government policy and in accordance with section 27(1)(b) of the Constitution;
- (b) to ensure the sustainable, equitable and reliable supply of water to meet nationally and regionally defined social and economic objectives of government;
- (c) to transfer national government waterworks to the Agency:
- (d) to alleviate the burden on the State's resources in water resources development; and
- (e) to provide for the disestablishment of the TCTA and the transfer of all its assets, liabilities, rights, obligations, powers, Treaty and non-Treaty functions as a going concern into the Agency.

A copy of the Bill will be obtainable from the Department of Water and Sanitation's website at http://www.dws.gov.za after introduction of the Bill, and also by contacting Ms BR Naidoo, at Naidoob@dws.gov.za. Alternatively, hardcopies may be requested, after the actual introduction of the Bill, from the Government Printers at Pretoria or Cape Town.

MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP

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