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## NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998

## REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES STRATEGY

I, Mr Senzo Mchunu, in my capacity as Minister of Water and Sanitation, and duly authorised in terms of section 5(4)(b) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998), hereby publish the revised National Water Resources Strategy after receiving and considering public comments.

The National Water Resource Strategy Third Edition (NWRS-3) consists of the following chapters and list of annexures:

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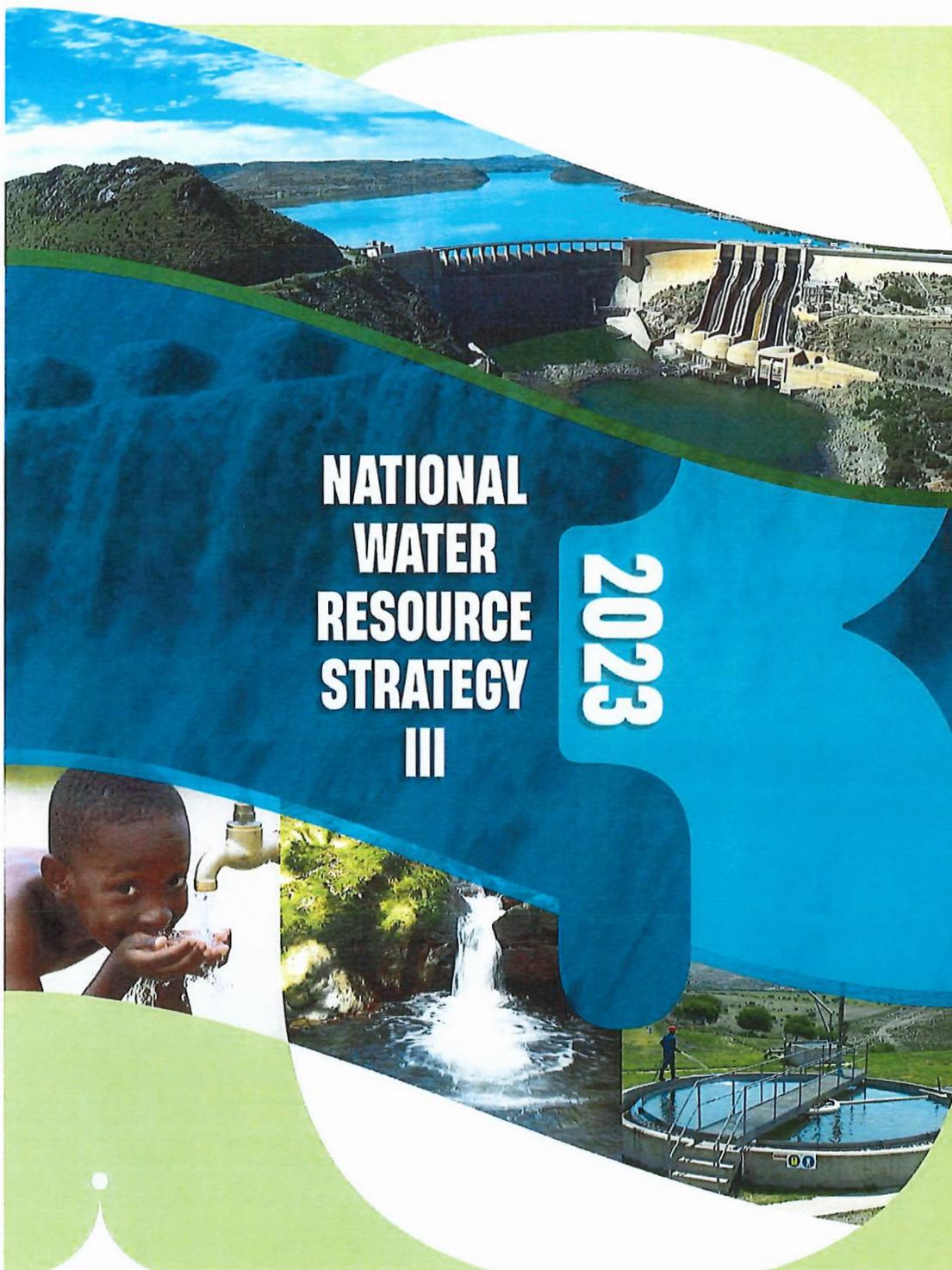
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The detailed National Water Resource Strategy Third Edition (NWRS-3) and its related documents can be viewed from Department of Water and Sanitation website [www.dws.gov.za](http://www.dws.gov.za) or visit Department of Water and Sanitation Map shop at Emanzini Building, 185 Francis Baard Street, Pretoria

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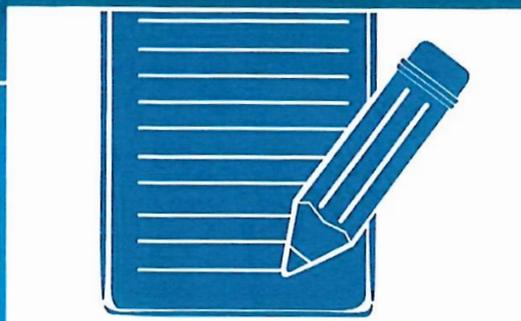
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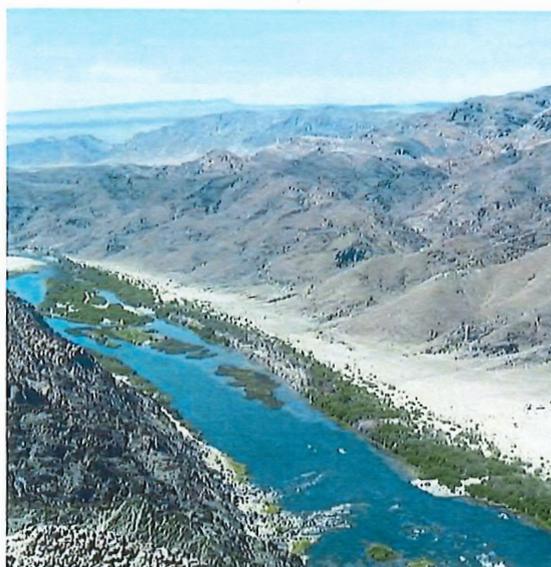
### ANNEXURE A1:

#### REVISED RECONFIGURATION OF WATER MANAGEMENT AREAS

The Department has reviewed the reconfiguration of the Water Management Areas (WMAs) from nine (9) to six (6). The intention is to establish six (6) Catchment Management Agencies (CMAs) nationally.

The revised WMAs are as follows:

- The Limpopo WMA will be amalgamated with the Olifants WMA. The Olifants River is a tributary of the Limpopo River. These are also Transboundary Rivers which are managed by international agreements. This configuration supports having one point of contact from South Africa to engage with the international counterparts. The geographic areas for the Limpopo and Olifants WMAs are relatively small and all form part of the Limpopo River Catchment.
- The Inkomati-Usuthu WMA will remain unchanged from the previous configuration.
- The Pongola-Mtamvuna WMA will remain unchanged from the previous configuration.
- The Vaal WMA will be amalgamated with Orange WMA as the Vaal River drains into the Orange River. This is a logical management unit, although large in area. This amalgamation will enhance revenue generation and sustainability of the CMA, in the form of economies of scale.
- The Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma WMA will remain unchanged from the previous configuration.
- The Breede-Gouritz and Berg-Olifants WMA will be amalgamated to be one water management area. The Western Cape Water Supply System (WCWSS) which supplies greater Cape Town spans both these WMAs. This is a logical management unit although large in area. This amalgamation will enhance revenue generation and sustainability of the CMA, in the form of economies of scale.



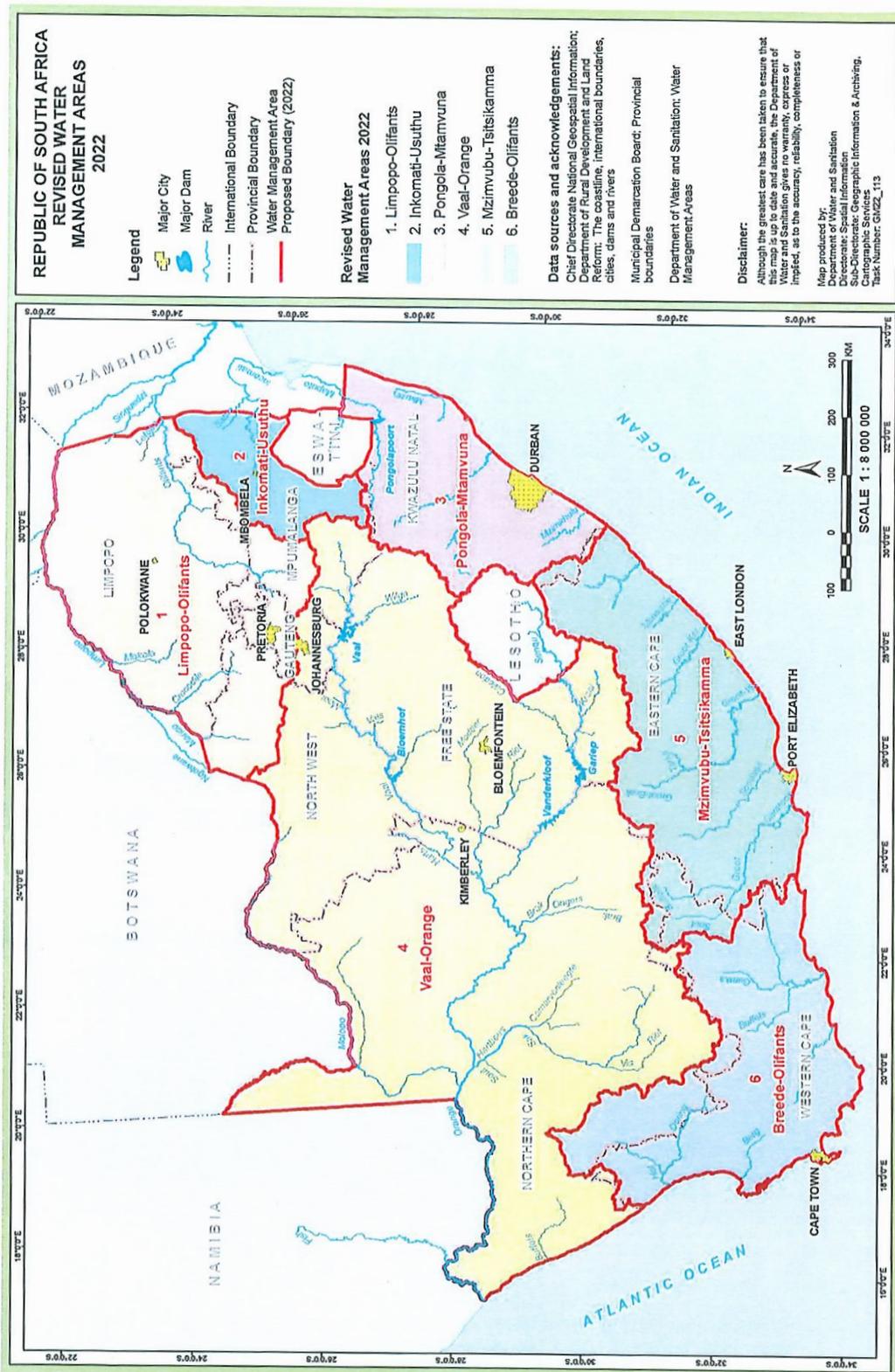


Figure 1: Water Management Areas Map



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