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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF NATIONAL WATER AMENDMENT BILL, 1999

The Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry intends introducing the National Water Amendment Bill, 1999 in the National Assembly early in November 1999. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill seeks to amend sections 32 and 33 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), so as to define the concept of an existing lawful water use more clearly. The Bill also seeks to amend the provisions of the abovementioned Act dealing with the nomination of candidates for appointment as members of the Water Tribunal. This amendment is occasioned by the fact that the Judicial Services Commission does not regard itself as having the necessary capacity to assess the merits of persons qualified in water research management, engineering or related fields of knowledge. Section 146 of the Act requires persons with those qualifications to be appointed to the Water Tribunal.

Copies of the Bill can be obtained from:

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