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MEDIA RELEASE

Dam levels rising, but too early to let up on water savings

As at today, Monday 18 June 2018, Cape Town's collective water usage over the past week was 520 million litres of water per day. Dam levels have again increased solidly by 6,3% to a total of 38,1% of storage capacity. This increase is the biggest single weekly increase this year. Read more below:

The good rainfall we have received over the past four weeks has increased our dams' storage to the same levels they were at towards the end of winter of 2017. While this is good news, it is too soon to know what supply level is needed in order to safely navigate the summer of 2019. It is therefore critical that we continue to keep our consumption low.

The City of Cape Town urges all of its residents to keep on saving even if it is raining. The National Government's restrictions on abstractions from the dams remains in effect.

'The innovation on water-saving consumption that we've seen from residents, businesses and this local government has been quite phenomenal. We ask them to keep up with this effort until the dams reach assured levels of supply.'

'The City's advanced pressure management roll-out continues to have a positive effect on water usage and is now saving on average 70 million litres a day.

'We will continue rolling out our advanced pressure management programme across the metro to ensure that consumption remains in the lowest ranges possible. An assessment of our overall water situation will be done at the end of the winter rainfall season to determine whether restrictions can be adjusted. At this stage, the new normal of enhanced water conservation remains business-as-usual, as we cannot predict what the rest of the winter season will bring,' said the City's Deputy Executive Mayor, Alderman Ian Neilson.

Water Stored in Major Dams Comprising Western Cape Water Supply System (WCWSS)

MAJOR DAMS	STORAGE						
	CAPACITY	%	%	%	%	%	%
	MI	18 June 2018	Previous week	2017	2016	2015	2014
BERG RIVER	130 010	62.6	54.3	34.1	33.5	57.9	102.1
STEENBRAS LOWER	33 517	45.0	40.9	28.7	33.5	52.7	64.2
STEENBRAS UPPER	31 767	82.5	77.0	58.8	60.0	57.0	101.2
THEEWATERSKLOOF	480 188	27.2	21.3	17.3	31.9	53.1	96.5
VOELVLEI	164 095	30.3	24.8	17.9	23.4	38.9	79.3
WEMMERSHOEK	58 644	66.9	58.2	36.6	47.1	51.5	86.5
TOTAL STORED	898 221	342 229	285 651	206 926	293 025	460 099	830 940
% STORAGE		38.1	31.8	23.0	32.6	51.2	92.5

Please visit www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater for all water-related information and follow <https://twitter.com/CityofCTAlerts> for pressure management-related information specifically.

Please always check with your neighbours whether they too are experiencing low water pressure or intermittent supply disruptions as this would in all likelihood be pressure-related. If the problem persists for an unreasonable period of time, please send an email to water@capetown.gov.za or call 0860 103 089, WhatsApp 063 407 3699 or SMS 31373 (max of 160 characters).

Please always insist on a reference number when logging a service request and keep this number on hand to expedite requests.

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