



# Agri SA WATER DESK

## VISION

Security of excellent quality water  
for food security in South Africa

## MISSION

Elevating the South African  
agricultural sector's water interests



## PROMOTE

- Enabling environment for current and future farmers
- Effective and sustainable water use - doing more with less
- Correct implementation of the National Water Act
- Institutional implementation (Water Users' Associations, Catchment Management Agencies etc.)
- Water measurement / metering
- The farming condition: how much it costs, the difficulties surrounding it

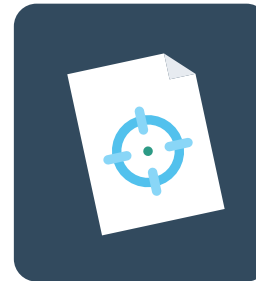


## ENGAGEMENT

with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)

- The DWS is currently severely constrained (technical, financial and human resources deficit)
- This is resulting in infrastructure decline, deteriorating water quality and effective water management getting away from government
- Agri SA must focus in supporting the DWS fulfill its role as custodian of South Africa's water resources - without a functioning DWS there cannot be effective water management
- Agri SA supports localized catchment area management as provided for in terms of the National Water Act. Water Users' Associations are vital in this regard

## AREAS WHERE FOCUS NEEDS TO BE SHARPENED



- Verification and Validation process
- Compulsory licensing
- Existing lawful water use and what it means
- Price determination and invoicing for water services
- Transformation in the water sector
- Transferability of water use entitlements
- Water pollution
- Infrastructure decline
- Competing water needs

## WAY FORWARD

- Formulate and implement a clear implementation plan and engage with DWS on all water-related matters affecting agriculture
- Formulate and implement a clear communication strategy with members, ensuring succinct and clear messaging
- Actively participate in and provide input on all water-related research, legislation and policy initiatives
- Become the natural first point-of-call to Agri SA's affiliates with respect to all agricultural water-related issues



## OUR PARTNERS



- Water Research Commission
- The South African Association of Water User Associations
- Environmental Lawyers' Association
- Strategic Water Partners' Network
- South African Local Government Association
- Business Leadership South Africa

**Making  
South Africa's  
Water Law Work**

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