



LIFTING OF LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCED WATER TARIFFS

1. Level 3 water restrictions still apply in the Swartland municipal area in terms of a resolution taken during December 2018, when the then level 6 restrictions were lowered with effect from 14 December 2018. Water restrictions were implemented in terms of section 69 of the By-law relating to Water Supply, Sanitation Services and Industrial Effluent (Provincial Gazette Extraordinary 7295 of 11 July 2014), in response to the severe drought which gave rise to the West Coast having been declared a drought stricken disaster area during February 2016.
2. Over the past two years the water situation has improved significantly. On 16 September 2020 the Voëlvlei Dam was 95.4% full, whereas the joint level of dams that supply water to Cape Town and surrounding towns stood at 97.5% as opposed to 81.8% this timelast year.
3. Although the Department of Water and Sanitation has not officially lifted the limitations set on the withdrawal of water from the Western Cape Water Supply System, as promulgated in Government Gazette No. 41145 dated 28 September 2017, discussions were held with representatives of the department as well as local authorities in the West Coast about the possible lifting of the water restrictions, based on the present state of affairs.
4. The Mayoral Committee decided on 21 September that the Level 3 water restrictions for the Swartland municipal area be lifted with immediate effect. The Committee also decided that the following water tariffs, VAT exclusive, as approved by Council on 28 May 2020, be implemented with effect from the services accounts to be rendered during October 2020 (in respect of September consumption) for payment by 31 October 2020:

In respect of residential users (including agricultural residential users):

	Tariff / kl
0-6 kl	R5.03
7-10 kl	R8.64
11-15 kl	R16.54
16-20 kl	R20.97
21-25 kl	R31.09
26-35 kl	R64.78
36 kl >	R89.40

In respect of business / commercial / industrial / agricultural business:

	Tariff / kl
From 1 kl and above	R21.60

In respect of schools / government institutions:

	Tariff / kl
From 1 kl and above	R24.02

In respect of sport clubs:

	Tariff / kl
From 1 kl and above	R22.90