

Cape Town resident,

Whilst Day Zero still remains a very real possibility, I am happy to confirm that **we have pushed it back** for the second time! This time by nearly a month, from 12 April to **11 May!**

We cannot afford to lose momentum now – we are still 97 million litres away from our total daily target.

**We must all keep using no more than 50 litres per person, per day, to avoid Day Zero altogether.**

### **How did we push out Day Zero?**

**This is mostly because Agriculture is using a lot less water from now onwards.** National government allocates water to the agricultural sector and the sector has reached about 90% of its allocation on the Western Cape Supply System. This means that in the coming months, the demand from the agricultural sector will drop significantly, if not altogether.

**There is serious pressure reduction** in zones across the City, which also lowers our risk of leaks and pipe bursts.

**Increased tariffs** from 1 February aim to deter high water users. All revenue from such tariffs is allocated to spending on water infrastructure and new augmentation projects.

**Water management devices** are restricting more and more homes failing to use less water.

### **What other plans are in the pipeline?**

**Water transfers** from the Palmiet River are adding about 10 million litres over the next 120 days.

**Desalination** is on track to add about 16 million litres per day by May.

**Groundwater** abstracted from aquifers is on track to supply 150 million litres per day, at its peak, in the months to come.

**Water re-use plants** will add 125 million litres per day by the end of 2021.

Thank you, Capetonians, and all others who have contributed and assisted in your own creative and inspiring ways so far.

**Let's keep up the momentum and defeat Day Zero!**

Warm regards,

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