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# **STANDING COMMITTEE ON WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION**

**"The Standing Committee on Water Supply and Sanitation is a broadly based forum to develop policy options and to promote appropriate strategies to improve water supply and sanitation on an integrated, affordable, acceptable and sustainable basis for all communities in a situation of increasing needs and limited resources."**

## **SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION TO THE MULTI-PARTY NEGOTIATING PROCESS COMMISSION ON THE DEMARCATION OF REGIONS**

In this submission, we would like to draw the attention of the CDDR to certain specific issues which highlight the general points made in the previous submission:

### **1. PWV Region**

In para 4 of the initial submission, the potential was noted for "the definition of boundaries doe second tier (regional) government which may, because they do not coincide with rational water management boundaries, give rise to the inefficient provision of services."

This situation will occur if the present proposals are implemented since they would divide the current area of operation of the Rand Water Board between at least three separate regions. Should exclusive powers in this regard be assumed by regional governments, this could potentially have serious implications for the efficient and effective management of water resources.

We would draw your attention to the submission of the Rand Water Board for more information in this regard.

### **2. Eastern Transvaal / Northern Transvaal**

In para 12 of the original submission, reference was made to the fact that "Any division of major catchments .... will mitigate against effective resource management by a second tier agency."

This situation will occur if the present proposals for the boundary between Northern and Eastern Transvaal SDRs are implemented. There are already serious conflicts over the use of the water resources in this area which, under the present



proposals, will have to be mediated between two SDR authorities. It would thus be appropriate from a water management perspective to include into the Eastern Transvaal those portions of Lebowa and Gazankulu which lie between the two Potgietersrus divisions.

The ability of the Kruger National Park to ensure access to water resources for environmental purposes will be complicated if it is placed in an SDR separate to that covering the upstream catchment areas. From the water management perspective, it would be thus be appropriate to divide the Park between Northern and Eastern Transvaal.

### 3. Considerations regarding other areas

Strict water management criteria would further inform other decisions:

Thus in relation to the Kwazulu/Natal - Eastern Cape boundary, the Umzimkulu area which is part of the T500 catchment (following the Department of Water Affairs classification) should be included in Kwazulu/Natal whereas the Mount Currie area is part of the T300 Catchment which lies mainly in the Eastern Cape and would thus best be retained there.

In the Eastern Cape, there is a very clear distinction between the Port Elizabeth and surrounding areas (catchments M, N, P, Q and R) which are supplied with water from the Orange / Fish scheme and the East London, Border, Transkei areas (catchments S, R and sub-catchments of T) which are still autonomous in supply.

### 4. Conclusions

The Standing Committee recognises that the requirements of one sector cannot be the sole criterion for the establishment of boundaries. The examples presented serve however to highlight the importance of giving careful consideration to the allocation of powers and functions to SDR authorities regarding water resource management and water supply. We therefore reiterate our recommendation (para 14) that "... the allocation of powers and functions to second tier water management agencies should be separate from the attribution of powers and functions to regional government" and further, (para 16) that "... it would be appropriate for the Commission to draw attention of the MNP to the special needs of the water and sanitation sector when powers and functions are allocated between central and regional government."



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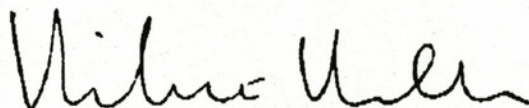
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We refer to your request for detailed commentary on the proposals of your Commission for the demarcation of regions and to our previous submission to your Commission dated 13th July 1993.

We have pleasure in enclosing a supplementary submission.

**Yours faithfully**



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**(Chairman)**