

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION (DWS)

30-06-2023

Special Departmental Bargaining Chamber (DBC) – 29 June 2023

National Water Resource Infrastructure Agency (NWRIA) Bill

Labour bemoaned that the employer tabled this matter in the Chamber last year but withdrew the item and committed to re-table it again at a later stage, but this did not happen whilst the *Bill* is being finalised. Labour raised concerns regarding the impact the *Bill* will have on employees who will be transferred to the new agency. The employer made a presentation on the *Bill* and indicated that it will most likely be passed in parliament in October 2023. The presentation is *attached*. Members are requested to submit inputs on the employer's presentation to Johnny Nwaila at nwailaj@dws.gov.za by **5 July 2023**. Parties agreed to have a follow-up meeting on 6 July 2023 to engage further on this matter regarding the anticipated transfer of employees to the agency.

Transfer of employees to Catchment Management Agencies

The employer indicated that it has issued a similar circular to the Western Cape to other provinces on 26 June 2023, as agreed in the last meeting, to clarify the employer's position on this matter. The employer also made a presentation, which is *attached*. Labour requested to give time to go through the presentation and to make inputs as it was not shared before the meeting. Members are requested to submit inputs on the employer's presentation to Johnny Nwaila at nwailaj@dws.gov.za by **5 July 2023**. Parties agreed that this matter will also be discussed on the special DBC on 6 July 2023 as it is intrinsically linked to the NWRIA.

Employees who want to join the PSA can visit the PSA's website (www.psa.co.za), send an email to ask@psa.co.za, or contact PSA Provincial Offices.

GENERAL MANAGER