

**MEDIA STATEMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
15 OCTOBER 2023**

**NOTICE: BURST PIPE ON THE WELBEDACHT PIPELINE THAT SUPPLIES
BLOEMFONTEIN**

Vaal Central Water formerly known as Bloem Water, alerts the media, customers, and the public of a burst pipe on the Welbedacht pipeline that supplies Bloemfontein. The burst pipe is located at Pellissier, Bloemfontein and occurred today, Sunday, 15 October 2023.

The Pipeline Reaction Team is responding to the pipe burst and expected to complete repairs in 36 hours, after which water supply will be gradually restored.

The only affected areas are within Bloemfontein excluding Dewetsdorp and Wepener.

The Entity is working with the Mangaung Metro Municipality to lessen the impact of the pipe burst. Vaal Central Water will be providing water tankers and jojo tanks at the following areas:

- Vista Park: Supermarket
- Elrichpark: Fire station
- Fauna: next to the clinic
- Lourierpark: Front of the school
- Pellissier: Engen Filling Station and OK Store

Water Tankers will be circulating and replenishing jojo tanks the whole day up until 22:00 until water is restored. To further intervene, Vaal Central Water Board is supplying the Longridge reservoirs through the mainline at an increased rate. This will boost supply from Longridge and bring relief to end users where there is water shortage.

Sincere apologies are extended for any inconvenience caused by the current water interruptions.

Further updates on this matter will follow.

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