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Minister Nkwinti visits the AmaMpondomise to provide clarity of the Mzimvubu Water Project

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The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr Gugile Nkwinti met the AmaMpondomise Traditional leaders and members of the community of Caba on Monday, 21 January 2019 in Caba Great Place, Qumbu.

Minister Nkwinti's visit formed part of the consultative drive taken undertaken with key stakeholders to address concerns emanating from the Mzimvubu Water Project.

Addressing the community, he reiterated that the project aims to address water scarcity issues in the area and also aims to improve the provision of healthy drinking water. Minister Nkwinti also provided a platform to community members to voice out their concerns relating to the water project.

Nofungile Nomanqina from Lalini village raised her concerns regarding the suspension of the Lalini Dam in the Mzimvubu Water Project, saying that in the initial stages of the project, the Lalini dam formed part of the project. However, when the decision was made to suspend it, there were no consultations with the community.

In his response, Minister Nkwinti apologized and assured community members that the Mzimvubu Water Project will also provide the Lalini Village with water.

"I want to assure people of Lalini Village that, although the Lalini Dam project that was meant to generate energy has been temporarily put on hold, you will also get water from the Mzimvubu Water Project because it will also service your area," he said.

He also emphasised that the water project will be carried out by qualified engineers from across the country, which have an understanding of the water challenges that the community is faced with.

Eastern Cape Provincial Head, Ms Portia Makhanya indicated that the Mzimvubu water project will increase water security in the area and improve agriculture as there will be sufficient water for irrigation and domestic use.



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To honour the AmaMpondomise tradition, Minister visited the gravestone of late the King Mhlontlo Matiwana who died in 1884, to request a permission to address the AmaMpondomise tribe on the progress of Mzimvubu Water Project.

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