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## **IMPLEMENTING OECD PRINCIPLES ON WATER GOVERNANCE**

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## Policy drivers of Institutional reform -

National Development Plan	National Water Resources Strategy	National Policy Review	Institutional Reforms and Realignment (IRR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Water Utilities, CMAs and National Water Resource Agency supported.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 CMAs</li> <li>Regional Water Utilities</li> <li>Investigate the arrangements for managing WR infrastructure</li> <li>Assess the institutional arrangements for the Economic Regulator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New policy position establishing Regional Water Utilities and confirming CMAs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IRR cabinet approval in 2013.</li> </ul>

### Cabinet Lekgotla February 2015 Resolutions (Presidential Review Committee)

In February 2015, Cabinet Lekgotla endorsed recommendations on the strengthening of SOE. The recommendations are focused on :

**RATIONALISATION** creating an **INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK** that will support the advancement of the **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OUTCOMES**

## Department of Water and Sanitation - Vision



## Vision and Objectives

- The overall trusteeship of the water value chain is with the Minister of Water and Sanitation
- The Department will set policy, regulate, and provide support to water management and water services institutions
- The ownership, financing, development, management and operations and maintenance of national water resources infrastructure will be strengthened
- The development, financing, management, operation and maintenance of regional bulk water and wastewater services will be strengthened through the consolidation of existing water boards .
- Water resource management for each of the 9 newly defined water management areas is strengthened through consolidating into 9 economically viable CMAs.

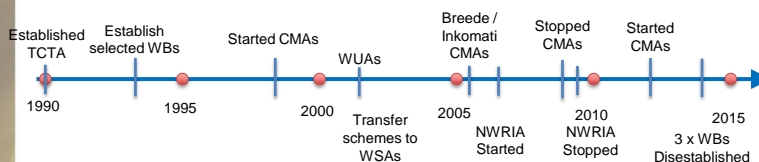
## Why establish Catchment Management Agencies

- CMAs are established in terms of chapter 7 of the National Water Act
  - ✓ CMAs are Statutory bodies established in terms of, section 78(1). They are also listed as schedule 3a entity under the **PFMA-service delivery Public entity**
  - ✓ are responsible for protecting, developing, managing and controlling water resources in a sustainable and equitable manner to meet the countries socio economic objectives
- The National Water Resource Strategy provides for 9 viable CMAs to be established by 2016
- In the absence of established CMAs, the Department is responsible for CMA functions.

## Benefit of CMAs

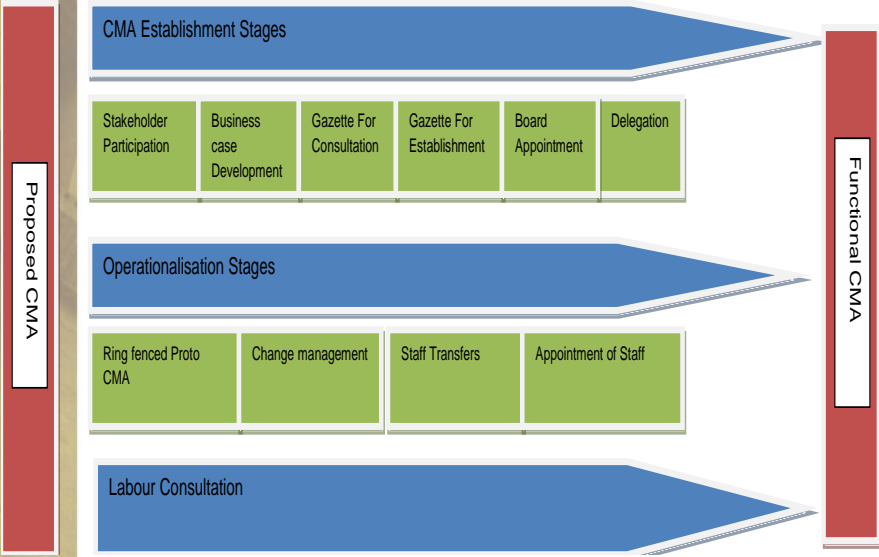
- CMAs are considered international best practice for the implementation and facilitation of Integrated Water Resource Management (to involve local communities in the decision-making processes)
- Creates clear accountability (separation of policy, regulation and implementation)
- South African model is being adopted by many developed and developing countries
  - facilitate participatory management of the resource

## Evolution of the water sector landscape



- Current operating model is as a result of evolution as opposed to functional design and organizational reason
- Start-stop institution reform over the last 20 years
- Institutional uncertainty has impacted on the sector performance and stakeholder disillusion
- Establishment of the Inkomati and Breede CMAs (2005/2006)
- Process to establish the national water resources infrastructure agency (2006), halted in 2009
- Establishment of the Water Trading Entity
- Process to establish catchment management agencies (1997), halted in 2009 and restarted in 2012
- Realignment of the 19 WMA to 9 WMA
- Approval of Minister to establish 9 CMA in March 2012
- Gazette notices for the establishment of Inkomati- Usuthu and Breede -Gouritz CMAs published
- 2 CMAs gazetted for establishment (Limpopo/NW and Pongola UMzimkhulu)

# Establishment Process



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