

Council to improve Nkanyezini water supply

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IN AN effort to meet the ever-increasing demand for clean water in Mkhambathini (Camperdown), the Umgungundlovu district municipality has started upgrading the Nkanyezini water supply scheme.

According to the district municipality, demand for the multimillion-upgrade of the scheme had been growing, especially after last year's water cuts when residents had to use buckets to carry water from communal taps far away from their homes.

On completion of the upgrade, the scheme will service 18160 residents from 2 270 households in the peri-urban municipality outside Pietermaritzburg.

Announcing the upgrading of the scheme, Umgungundlovu district mayor Thobekile Maphumulo said it was their way of ensuring that residents have uninterrupted and clean water all the time as per the wish of the government.

"This is a way to emphasise the importance of rapid service delivery to our communities and is another step closer to improving the quality of life for the previously marginalised communities," Maphumulo said.

She said the project included the construction of a reinforced concrete reservoir, an elevated steel tank and a number of break pressure tanks.

She said temporary jobs would also be created during the construction phase and only locals would be considered. This was echoed by the head of technical services at the district municipality, Bheki Mbambo.

"Local job creation is paramount to all projects undertaken by the district municipality and about 100 jobs are planned to be created through this project," Mbambo said.

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