

# WATER AND AGRICULTURE

## WATER USE LICENSING

### The Law

The requirements for water use licences are covered under Section 27 of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA). Water uses that are regulated by the NWA, through the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) include, but are not limited to:

- ☀ Storing of water or wastewater;
- ☀ Abstracting surface or ground water;
- ☀ Cultivating commercial forestry;
- ☀ Irrigation with waste water;
- ☀ Discharging wastewater;
- ☀ Altering the bed and banks of a water course;
- ☀ Impeding or diverting water in a water course.



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### Our Services



#### Water Use Licences, Professional Advice and Application Submission

If you want to start using water, or expand your existing use of water, you will probably need a water use licence to do so. MBB has years of experience in interpreting and implementing sections of the South African National Water Act. Our services promote development while ensuring compliance with the regulations.



#### Water Use Audits

We confirm your properties' legal water entitlements and rights and compare this against your requirements and current use.



#### Water Sharing Agreements

The sharing of water within a catchment, or between users from a shared source can result in disagreement. MBB offers an impartial service, that develops practical, fair and equitable sharing agreements to the benefit of all parties.



#### Transfer of Water Use Entitlements (Successor intitle)

This involves the transfer of water rights with a property once sold, into the name of the new owner.

