

# IMPUMELELO CASE STUDIES

# — WATER —



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## Focus on Water

*This booklet in the Impumelelo series focuses on water delivery and the management and conservation of water resources. Some best-practice models are drawn from the Impumelelo database, as are instances of schemes, some of which won Impumelelo awards, that have subsequently failed. In these examples an attempt is made to analyse the circumstances that led to the collapse or ineffectiveness of the initiative.*

*South Africa is a water poor country yet prior to 1994 no government had sought to address this reality except to ensure that there was an adequate water supply to agriculture and industry and the cities. In this it goes without saying that the bias was also racially based. This booklet provides a succinct historical perspective before recounting the evolution of water policy since 1994. There is a discussion on the current legislation, the Acts that apply to water management and the implementation process.*

*The remainder of the booklet draws on the Impumelelo database and is devoted to a detailed examination of nine projects that cover a range of approaches to water usage from technology that provides clean water cheaply to supply options suitable for dispersed populations in difficult terrain. There is an examination of two large-scale initiatives, one of which failed while the other succeeded and has become a model for replication. Finally there is the bigger picture: the management of catchment areas, and the achievements of educational programmes targeting schools.*

*Contact details of the project managers are given with the case studies and a bibliography is supplied at the end of the booklet.*

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