

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**WATER RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT BILL**

(As read a First Time)

(Introduced by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry)

BILL

To provide for the management, protection, development, use and conservation of water resources; to provide for the regulation and monitoring of water services, to repeal and amend certain laws; and to provide for incidental matters.

BE IT ENACTED as passed by the Parliament, and assented to by the President, of the Republic of Namibia, as follows:

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