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# The Dynamics and Discourses of Water Allocation Reform in South Africa

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**Description / Abstract**

This paper argues that bringing water under the ambit of the State, in combination with the particular political conjunctures in post-apartheid South Africa, opened up space for the emergence of particular narratives around water use rights that framed the continued use of existing users as pivotal for sustainability, and redistribution to 'historically disadvantaged individuals' as associated with a high degree of risk.

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