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THE PREMIER
HON. OSCAR MABUYANE MPL

Dear Premier

RE: SECTION 154 SUPPORT: NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY

The abovementioned matter has reference.

The Democratic Alliance has recently requested the provincial administration for its immediate intervention in the administration of Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality via Section 154 support.

I now wish to place the following on record:

1. The NMB Acting City Manager, Mr Peter Neilson, has once again been removed from office and has been replaced by Ms Noxolo Nqwazi. The continued reshuffling of Acting City Managers is causing administrative instability in the city.
2. Capital Expenditure for the financial year at hand as at 15 May 2019 stood at 41,9% whilst grant funding spent at even date stood at 41.73%.
3. The aforesaid dramatic underspending is exposing the administration to adverse risk especially given the fact that National Treasury made it clear that no rollover grant funding application shall be considered should the city fail to appoint a permanent CFO before the end of the financial year.
4. Only two of the eight directorates in NMB currently has permanent Executive Directors, being Human Settlements and Safety and Security. Very little progress has however been made in endeavouring to fill these vacancies.

Against this background the Democratic Alliance once again request your urgent intervention in the Nelson Mandela Bay administration by means of Section 154 support. We believe that failure to intervene in this regard will lead to the inevitable collapse of the administration of the city.

I trust you shall receive this correspondence favourably.

Hon. Nqaba Bhanga MPL
Leader of the Opposition