

## **AMBULANCE PICKET**

### **MEMORANDUM**

<b>TO:</b>	<b>EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DORA NGINZA HOSPITAL</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE EASTERN CAPE</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>MEMO: REMOVAL OF AMBULANCES FROM MOTHERWELL AND AMBULANCE SHORTAGE IN NELSON MANDELA BAY</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2019</b>

Patients from Motherwell, in dire need of medical assistance, have died, because Emergency Medical Service officials decided to relocate ambulances from the Motherwell Community Health Centre and base them at Dora Nginza hospital.

We have gathered here today to express our outrage at the fact that local residents have been dying because ambulances now take too long to reach them.

These deaths could all have been avoided, had the ambulances been closer at hand. In other words, these deaths were unnecessary.

Some clinics in Motherwell have waited an entire day for an ambulance to collect patients requiring hospitalization.

Ambulances should be strategically placed across all big communities in the metro in order to service patients as quickly and effectively as possible.

We call for more ambulances to be allocated to the Motherwell Community Health Centre and for satellite ambulance services to be established across Nelson Mandela Bay.

We will also require feedback, within 14 days, as to what plans will be put in place to remedy the situation in Motherwell and across Nelson Mandela Bay.

*Yours Sincerely,*

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Democratic Alliance Eastern Cape Shadow MEC for Health