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City Manager  
Mr. Siphon Nzuza  
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Dear Mr City Manager,

**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF PROBLEM BUILDING BY-LAW**

It is now 3 years since the promulgation of the Problem Buildings by-law, yet to date it has still not been enforced by the eThekweni municipality.

It has come to my attention that city has been using iTrump (Inner Thekweni Regeneration and Urban Management Programme) which is an ABM (area-based management) department which currently faces massive human resource challenges and focuses mainly on the inner city as opposed to the entire city, leaving the outskirts areas to fend for themselves.

The administration has a legal obligation to ensure that the by-law is enforced as the full council in which executive and legislative authority is vested in has duly passed it.

It is my understanding that it is your responsibility as the head of the city's administration to ensure that promulgated by-laws are enforced and that ratepayers of eThekweni receive this particular service for which they are entitled to.

The issue of Problem buildings requires the complete enforcement of the by-law in order to significantly tackle this humongous problem which hugely contributes to the crime and degradation of the city.

Kindly advise as to what the reasons are for this by-law not being enforced.

I look forward to your response.

**Kind regards**

**Cllr Marlaine Nair**  
**DA Whip: Economic Development & Planning Committee**