



# EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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Hon. MEC Mvoko  
DEDEAT  
Eastern Cape Provincial Government

Dear Hon. Mvoko

**RE: SEWAGE SPILL IN BURGERSDORP**

The DA discovered an actively running sewage spill in Mzamomhle in Burgersdorp during an oversight conducted by Councillor Marina Van Zyl.

The spill is located close to a school. This could lead to the development of diseases to which the learners at Ethembeni Senior School, and any person in the area, will be exposed to.

Of equal concern, is that this sewage spill runs directly into the Orange River, which feeds into the Gariep Dam. With Gariep Dam being the largest storage reservoir in South Africa and supplying hundreds of thousands of people with water, the sewage spilling into this dam cannot go untreated.

We further discovered that the waste water treatment plant had been vandalised and is non-operational, the question has to be raised as to how long this sewage spill will continue to pose as a risk to the local community and the environment. Due to the non-operation of the town's only waste water treatment plant, this does not only effects one community, but the entire town of Burgersdorp.

Your urgent intervention in this matter is requested in order to prevent any further serious consequences.

I hereby request that you urgently investigate this matter in order to ascertain the reasons for the water treatment plant being non-operational and when this will be rectified so as to prevent further environments damage.

I await your favourable response and updates in this regard.

Thank you

Hon. Yusuf Cassim  
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