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**To: Mr Williams, MM; Mr Lusawana, Manager WSP & Mrs Sephton, Community Services**

**Re: Sewage Spillages Venterstad/Oviston**

Good afternoon colleagues,

On doing routine oversight today, the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2019, Cllr Matthee Nel of WSLM has uncovered some harrowing scenes in Venterstad as well as Oviston. Sewage is flowing freely from WWTW's in both Venterstad and Oviston. Both of these WWTW's seems non operational – no noise from machines and no movement whatsoever.

*Attached are videos & images of the respective WWTW's (due to size restrictions on email it has also been sent to your what's apps).*

In lieu of this recent discovery, the following:

- 1) Are you aware that these WWTW's are not functioning? If yes, when were you made aware?
- 2) What are the action steps that your administration has taken to rectify this situation?
- 3) The water treatment plants are non-operational, where is all the raw sewage flowing to? (*Gariep Dam is shown on pictures and video, can you confirm this?*)
- 4) It is known that the Gariep Dam is the biggest of its nature in South Africa, and as evidence seems – JGDM is now polluting this fresh water source. With climate change on our doorstep, it cannot be that a government institution shows this little respect for a fresh water source by polluting such a valuable mineral. This is alarming, and to add – fresh water fish and other water life like frogs for instance, as well as game in the nature reserve are now in danger as well as communities who fish for sustenance.

I hereby request written response by end of business on Monday, the 21st of October 2019.

Yours in service delivery,

Councillor Marina van Zyl

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