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Hon. Faith Mutambi
Chairperson: Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Via email: scassiem@parliament.gov.za

Dear Hon. Muthambi,

Makana Local Municipality

The residents of Makana Local Municipality are suffering the effects of poor governance and mismanagement. Among the issues affecting them are severe water shortages, sewerage running in the streets, a general lack of maintenance, and massive financial problems. The latter has been caused by poor municipal collection rates and improper expenditure control. In addition, the municipality is burdened with a huge debt to ESKOM. The latter was, to a certain extent brought under control while the municipality was temporarily under the administration of District Municipal Manager, Ted Pillay, but soon grew back to its previous levels.

The citizens of Makana are at the end of their tether. They feel unheard and uncared for, and that the council ignores their plight, while petty factional politics play out. There are also a number of concerns around the competency and accountability of management and staff, and their seeming inability to get on top of the problems plaguing the municipality.

I hereby request that the municipal leadership of Makana Local Municipality, as well as the Provincial MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in the Eastern Cape, be urgently called to appear before your committee to inform you of the current situation in Makana and advise what steps they are taking to address the various issues identified above.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mileham MP
Constituency Leader: Makana, Ndlambe & Ngqushwa

cc: Haniff Hoosen MP – Shadow Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Andrew Whitfield MP – DA Eastern Cape Provincial Chairperson
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Cllr. Brian Fargher – DA Caucus Leader: Makana Local Municipality