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VIA EMAIL

SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF MPAC

The ongoing non-provision of water supply to large parts of the Nelson Mandela Metro has now reached crisis proportions with several areas in the Metro now experiencing no water supply for its seventh day.

As such I believe it to be incumbent on the MPAC committee, being the committee charged with the responsibility of oversight of the various standing committees of Council, to address the matter with urgency. It is abundantly clear that neither the Metro nor the MMC of Infrastructure and Engineering one Cllr Bobani consider the matter to be either one of crisis or urgency. As such I call on your office to convene an urgent emergency meeting of the MPAC committee within 48 hours of date hereof in order that we may attend to the crisis faced by our Metro, not only in addressing the current situation of crisis but to put mechanisms and procedures in place to prevent a reoccurrence of a similar crisis.

In motivation of same I wish to refer yourself to the Section 27 of the *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa*, 1996 which provides that:

27(1) Everyone has the right to have access to -...

(b) sufficient food and water; and...

(2) The state must take reasonable legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realization of each of these rights....

Despite same the following matters of urgent concern negates the provisions of the Constitution as follows:

- numerous unattended water leaks;
- loadshedding to pump stations supplying reservoirs;
- lack of sufficient number of water tankers and the quality of water supply provided from the tankers;
- lack of sufficient chemicals for treatment of water supply;

These areas of concern require urgent attention and action to address the services this Metro should be providing to the citizens of our Metro, not only with regards to the current crisis but also to address these ongoing matters with finality. I therefore call on you to address these matters with the concern it necessitates to address these matters in convening an urgent special MPAC meeting as requested.

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