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THE SOUTH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

VIA EMAIL

NELSON MANDELA BAY WATER CRISIS

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.

It is abundantly clear that neither the Metro nor the MMC of Infrastructure and Engineering one Cllr Bobani considers the matter to be either one of crisis or urgency.

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 in providing for their basic human rights as contained in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution. I thus on behalf of the citizens of the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality call on your office to investigate and intervene in the ongoing human rights violations experienced by the citizens of the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropole.

Yours faithfully

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