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Copy: **Mr J Tsatsire, Acting Executive Director : Infrastructure and Engineering**

Dear Madam

URGENT WATER CRISIS INFORMATION REQUIRED

You are aware that the Infrastructure and Engineering portfolio committee is highly unlikely to meet within the near future, given that the responsible MMC's council position is in doubt and potentially lengthy court processes are being followed in this regard.

You are also aware that the role of councillors, apart from exercising oversight, is to play an intermediary role between the community and the municipality. This will always include communicating the municipality's state of affairs, as it affects residents.

It has come to our attention that large areas of the Metro will most probably be entirely without water when the western dams run dry. This will affect thousands of residents / businesses who are not even aware that they might be faced with this scenario.

Right now, **there is an almost total blackout with respect to information on the water crisis.**

In light of the above, I **request that you urgently arrange a presentation of up-to-date, detailed and accurate information on the drought and its impact, preferably for all councillors, but, at the least, for members of the Infrastructure and Engineering portfolio committee and all MMCs.** The session must, of course, allow an opportunity for questions to be asked and answered.

I look forward to your response.

Yours in Service Delivery

COUNCILLOR DRIES VAN DER WESTHUIZEN