

27 March 2023

To: MAP WATER Board of Directors

Re: Loadshedding at major Water Treatment Plants in Maluti-a-Phofung

Dear Board of Directors,

With the implementation of higher stages of loadshedding by Eskom, it has become increasingly clear that constant water supply is becoming an ever-increasing problem. It is also clear that proactive steps need to be taken to secure water supply to residents.

It is for this reason that I had sent a request to Eskom in which I suggested that the 4 major Water Treatment Plants namely Sterkfontein, Fika Patso, Metsi Matso and Wilge either be exempt from loadshedding or that a dedicated power line be installed to reduce the effects of loadshedding. The response from Eskom was positive and encouraging, whereby they stated that they would consider requests made, however the requests should come from the municipality itself.

Therefore, I would like to kindly request that MAP Water Board start taking steps towards preventing a water catastrophe in Maluti-a-Phofung.

My humble request is that MAP Water secure all 4 major Water Treatment Plants from loadshedding. I suggest that costing figures be calculated to install dedicated power lines as I was informed that only Sterkfontein Water Treatment Plant is on an Eskom power line. The other remaining 3 Water Treatment Plants would need dedicated lines installed.

I also would kindly like to remind the board of the provision made in the Constitution, in which the Water services Act states:

1. Everyone has a right of access to basic water supply and sanitation services.
2. Every water services institution must take steps to realise these rights.
3. Every municipality must plan in its water services development plan to realise these rights.

Lastly, I hope that you will seriously consider the above requests in order to improve the lives of communities within Maluti-a-Phofung.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Quinta'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'E' being particularly large and stylized.

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