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Dear Minister Mchunu,

As I write this letter, councillors in Gauteng are overwhelmed with pleas from residents – their taps run dry. Similarly, municipalities' reservoirs run dry as the Rand Water CEO continues to claim that his house is in order.

From where I sit, it is increasingly clear that there is a serious failure on either your end, the CEO of Rand Water's end, or both. In Emfuleni, a community in the Vaal Region of Gauteng, residents have gone *months* without water. I ask you, where is the intersection between humanity and red tape? When will you help those people?

After we handed over a memorandum of demand, the municipality in Emfuleni blamed their struggles on Rand Water, similarly, all metros in the province struggle to get answers from Rand Water. Surely every single metro and municipality in the province can't be in the wrong, while Rand Water distances themselves from the problem.

Please note, and this is important, we are not absolving municipalities of their part in this mess, but Rand Water has a large role to play as the custodian of Gauteng's water in keeping water in people's taps. Minister, you are responsible for coordinating between Rand Water and Municipalities, for ensuring that change takes place, and that people have water. That does not happen either.

Residents who spend 60 days without water must sound like something that can only happen in some part of the country you have forgotten about. But no, that is what is happening in Johannesburg South.

You will have noted that thousands have joined our call for you to fire Rand Water's CEO, Sipho Mosai, and now you know why. However, if he had any measure of self-awareness, he would save us all the effort, and resign.

While millions of residents in Gauteng go without sufficient and guaranteed water supply – a clear violation of their basic human rights, Mr Mosai and his executive is carted around by blue lights and VIP security. I wonder of a mind is being paid to the councillors, MP's, and MPL's who have to deal with the brunt of justifiably angry residents who do not have water. One cannot overstate the measure of disrespect this entails to both residents, and those who residents channel their anger towards when their taps are dry – public representatives.

Moreover, when public representatives try to enact their constitutional duty of oversight, we are refused by the very same executive that claims transparency in their Annual Reports. Something does not make sense, and somewhere lies are being told.

All fingers point to Rand Water. The inaction and lacklustre support the people of Gauteng receive must come to an end - you play a pivotal role in that. While we understand that you must be very busy, we have to question your ability when the most populous province in the country consistently struggles with basic service delivery.

It is now our call to ensure that Mr Mosai be held to account.

The people of Gauteng deserve better. There is no excuse for them being treated like animals – apparently unworthy of something as fundamental to life, like water.

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I'd like to know if Bryntirion faces the same water-shedding the rest of the province faces, or are you insulated sufficiently against the impact of your own incompetence? Faced with thousands of people carrying water around in buckets, the ignorance exhibited by your portfolio, and the executive you have appointed at Rand Water is absolutely shocking and makes a mockery of even the central tenants of our constitution.

The only parallel to be drawn between Rand Water and any other organisation, is Eskom. An organisation that lied to the people of South Africa, very much in the same way Rand Water lies now. Will we be forced to endure Stage 6 Water shedding in the near future?

Under your leadership another state-owned entity is going to ruin - is that fair to the public, Rand Water's employees, or to the executive? You and your executive have turned Rand Water, into the Eskom of water. Siphos Mosai has to go, him staying in his position any longer is an indictment against you, and your government.

The people of Gauteng demand action.

Yours sincerely,
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