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To: Senzo Mchunu
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185 Francis Baard Street, Sedibeng Building, 10th Floor, Room 1029,
PRETORIA

Subject: Memorandum of Demand - Immediate Action Required to Address Rand Water's Failings

Minister Mchunu,

I am writing this memorandum on behalf of all the undersigned citizens of Gauteng, who have expressed deep concern and dissatisfaction regarding the ongoing issues within Rand Water.

Gauteng has been plagued by deeply entrenched water issues for years, this, not being due to a lack of water, but rather due to a lack of planning. Planning failures within Rand Water are rife. They range from not having sufficient water supply for a growing population, to infrastructure projects going unfinished, or worse yet, unused.

The question then becomes, how is this possible?

We would like to receive answers to the following within fourteen days of overhanding this memorandum:

1. Residents in the economic heartland of the Country go months without water?
2. Reservoirs under Rand Water's charge run dry?
3. Municipalities are unable to plan, because Rand Water does not provide them with telemetric data?
4. Rand Water's CEO and his executive gets to be driven around with VIP protection at their beck and call?

We have suggestions that will make planning for the future, and planning to address the very real issues faced by Gauteng residents a reality, they are listed below, and we trust that you will ensure they are not only given very real consideration, but acted upon, as the residents of Gauteng deserve better.

We demand:

1. Urgent Intervention at Rand Water

The persistent issues within Rand Water, namely - a struggle to fulfil its mandate and provide an adequate water supply to residents - has raised serious concerns as to the organisation's capabilities, or rather, lack thereof. The continuous challenges related to water supply, service delivery, and management inefficiencies demand urgent and decisive action. We demand immediate and transparent intervention to rectify the underlying problems plaguing the organisation. This intervention should encompass a thorough assessment, restructuring of the executive, and the establishment of effective mechanisms to ensure improved service delivery.

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2. Addressing Prolonged Water Supply Disruptions:

In parts of Gauteng, like Johannesburg South and Emfuleni residents are left without water for months on end. While it might be easy to argue that these are solely due to municipal failures, the truth of the matter is that these communities should be fed from Rand Water. We demand immediate measures be taken to restore uninterrupted access to clean and safe for all residents of Gauteng. It is imperative that you allocate the necessary resources, implement interim solutions, and prioritise the resolution of these issues to alleviate the burden your government has placed on the people of Gauteng.

These steps above might sound broad, but we have taken the liberty to make additional demands that your government is able to meet immediately:

1. Establish a commission of enquiry: We require that you immediately establish an independent Commission of Enquiry to thoroughly investigate the systematic failures within Rand Water, an entity under your charge, that have led to the recurring and unacceptable water supply challenges in Gauteng.

2. Dismissal of CEO of Rand Water: We demand the immediate dismissal of Siphosiso Moseki, the CEO of Rand Water due to his failure to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities entrusted to him. There is no need to give him a performance assessment as the end of his contract draws near, dry taps are indicative enough of his performance.

3. Pressure Premier Lesufi: As you know, Gauteng is still without an Infrastructure Master Plan. This plan would encompass not only water related projects, but the development of infrastructure in the province. Water, being not only crucial for life, is crucial for business, and without it, we will see more divestment from Gauteng. Premier Lesufi, much like Siphosiso Moseki, has failed. And we demand that you write to him as a matter of urgency in this regard.

The above measures are easily implementable, and moreover, something that falls within your scope. Should you choose not to implement these demands, we demand a written reason as to why within fourteen days.

It is appalling that despite the repeated assurances and promises made by your government, Rand Water, and the like the people of Gauteng continue to suffer due to the inefficiencies and inadequacies within an entity under your charge.

We urge you to act decisively rectify these critical water issues, as access to clean water is a basic human right that cannot be further compromised by the failings of yet another underperforming state-owned entity.

Furthermore, the failure to address these concerns reflects poorly on the leadership and management of the Ministry of Water and Sanitation, and will only serve to inform South Africans how much you care about their well-being, and basic human rights.

We trust that you will take immediate and meaningful action to resolve these matters in the best interest of the citizens of Gauteng.

Sincerely,

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