



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Internal Ref Number: 001 - 2024

Date: 27.02.2024

Subject: Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality

I hereby move, on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, that this Council;

1. Notes with concern the perceived inability of the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality to comply with its constitutional obligations as a water and sanitation authority to supply reliable bulk water to the communities of the five local municipalities under its jurisdiction;
2. Acknowledges that the shortages in the bulk water supply threaten the livelihoods and well-being of the communities residing in Piet Plessis, Pomfret, Bray, Vorstershoop, Geduldspan, Schweizer Reneke, Ipelegeng and Taung, who have been forced to become accustomed to these shortages as the new normal;
3. Recognises that although sewerage was detected in Morokweng DRINKING WATER by the Department of Water and Sanitation and despite the issuing of a pre-directive in 2023 already, dysfunctional SEWER MANAGEMENT continue to exacerbate the problem by contaminating boreholes, and even resulting in raw sewerage flowing into the MOLOPO RIVER AT Bray;
4. Recalls that Eskom disconnected electricity supply to water pumps in the District Municipality due to the municipality's failure to settle an unpaid debt of R 800 million, leaving the residents in these towns without access to ANY water CONTINUOUSLY for days during a heatwave;
5. Expresses concern that the District Municipality is seemingly not taking its responsibility to protect the basic human rights as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, seriously by allegedly failing to take action to ensure a safe bulk water supply to the residents;
6. Calls on the Department of Water and Sanitation and the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs to urgently intervene to ensure that a safe and reliable bulk water supply is reestablished in the DR RSM District Municipality.

I so move.

Ms C Visser, MP
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