

MEMORANDUM

DA WILL WORK WITH SANRAL TO FIX R75

TO:	OFFICE OF THE SANRAL REGIONAL MANAGER FOR THE SOUTHERN REGION
FROM:	DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE EASTERN CAPE
SUBJECT:	OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO R75 CRISIS
DATE:	26 SEPTEMBER 2024

The R75 between Gqeberha and Kariega has become Nelson Mandela Bay's most dangerous road due to its unsafe state claiming numerous lives over the past years.

This stretch of the R75 is vital for connecting Gqeberha and Kariega and is heavily utilized by tens of thousands of commuters daily. It is unacceptable that we continue to face these dangerous conditions.

The Democratic Alliance understands the challenges SANRAL faces in operating and maintaining our national road network and is willing to work with SANRAL by offering assistance to save lives on the R75.

We highlight the following issues:

- Inadequate Maintenance of Guardrails: Numerous sections of guardrails are damaged and unrepaired, creating significant hazards for motorists.
- Dangerous Intersections: Several intersections remain unsecured, posing risks to both drivers and pedestrians.
- Poorly Maintained Road Reserves: Center islands and road reserves are neglected, contributing to an unsafe driving environment.



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The DA will do the following to assist:

- Arrange a roundtable meeting with the Acting City Manager, the Roads and Transport Directorate and SANRAL.
- Write to the MMC of Roads and Transport to invite SANRAL to the standing committee for a presentation on the status quo and challenges experienced.
- Meet with the municipality to secure a commitment to have a points man on duty at the Johnson Street intersection on a daily basis during peak traffic times.
- Request ongoing roving roadblocks and joint operations involving Traffic Services, SAPS, and the Metro Police.
- Through our Spokesperson for Safety and Security organize a summit with local private security companies to ascertain how they can be of assistance in securing the R75 and its infrastructure.
- Make contact with companies that deal with high tech equipment such as drones and set up meetings to request immediate assistance.

The time for pointing fingers is a thing of the past. We must now put all differences aside to ensure the safety of our residents is paramount