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Hon. MEC Zolile Williams
MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Eastern Cape Provincial Government

Dear MEC Williams

RE: URGENT INTERVENTION REQUIRED - WATER AND SEWAGE CRISIS IN CH MUNICIPALITY, MIDDELBURG

I am writing to bring to your urgent attention the ongoing water and sewage crisis affecting the residents of Middelburg, in the Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality, which is in the Chris Hani District Municipality. This situation has persisted for several weeks and requires immediate intervention.

The crisis stems from theft of cables and vandalism at water and sewage stations, severely disrupting water supply to the community. The prolonged nature of this issue is causing significant hardship and poses serious health risks to the residents.

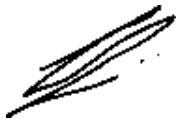
In light of this dire situation, I respectfully request your office to address the following questions:

1. What immediate steps is the Department taking to restore water supply to the affected areas in Middelburg?
2. What measures are being implemented to prevent further theft and vandalism at water and sewage infrastructure sites?
3. Is there a contingency plan in place to provide emergency water supply to residents while repairs are underway?
4. How is the Department collaborating with local law enforcement to investigate and prevent these criminal activities?
5. What long-term strategies are being considered to enhance the security and resilience of water and sewage infrastructure in the municipality?
6. How soon can residents expect a full restoration of water and sewage services?

The residents of Middelburg have been patient, but the situation has reached a critical point. Urgent and decisive action is needed to resolve this crisis and prevent potential public health emergencies.

I look forward to your prompt response and action on this matter. The well-being of our residents depends on the rapid restoration of these essential services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HEINRICH MULLER', with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.

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