



MEMORANDUM

NMB METRO MUST TAKE GBV SERIOUSLY

TO:	CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
FROM:	DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE EASTERN CAPE
SUBJECT:	PRIORITISING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN NELSON MANDELA BAY
DATE:	25 NOVEMBER 2024

As we mark the start of the 16 Days of Activism of No Violence against Women and Children, the Democratic Alliance (DA) demands that the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality take the plight of victims of gender-based violence (GBV) seriously.

Enough Noow is a non-profit organisation based in Schauderville in the Northern Areas of Gqeberha, and was established to actively contribute to the fight against GBV in the community.

In February of this year, Enough Noow submitted a letter to the municipality requesting permission to set up a container on the grounds of the Ward office. This container would serve as both an office and a private space for counselling sessions with victims.

After receiving no feedback from the municipality, the DA followed up on their behalf. On 20 June, the official application, along with the initial letter, was resubmitted, and additional follow-ups were made to expedite the application.

Unfortunately, the organisation has received little feedback and assistance from the Metro.

It is unthinkable that an organisation providing support and counselling to victims of GBV has had to wait 10 months for the municipality to provide feedback on its application to establish a victim support centre.



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It is time for the municipality to step up and demonstrate that they care about the victims of GBV.

The DA, therefore, hands over this memorandum to demand that the municipality fast-track this application and provide feedback within the next seven working days.

Crimes against women and children are on the rise in Nelson Mandela Bay. Our women and children are being murdered and sexually assaulted.

The victims of abuse need the government's support - not just 16 Days of lip service. We need systemic improvements 365 days a year to combat GBV.

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