



To: **Executive Mayor**
Sheila Mabale- Huma

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Subject: Urgent Call for a High-Level Meeting to Address a looming day Zero

Dear Executive Mayor,

I am writing to you with deep concern regarding the ongoing challenges in water supply affecting the Rustenburg Local Municipality. Recent communications from the two primary water boards supplying water to Rustenburg, namely Rand Water and Magalies Water, have highlighted significant struggles in maintaining a stable supply. These challenges are becoming increasingly critical, and the current situation requires immediate and coordinated action.

It has come to our attention that the extraction dams used by these water boards are under severe strain due to prolonged dry conditions, insufficient rainfall, and an escalating demand for treated water. Projections from the water boards suggest that, if these trends persist, water levels in these dams could drop to alarming levels, potentially leading to severe shortages in the near future.

Given the vital importance of water as a basic service and the cornerstone of community well-being, it is imperative that we act now to mitigate the risk of service delivery disruptions as delays in addressing this issue could lead to misinformation, community unrest, and protests, which would further strain municipal operations.

To prevent such outcomes, I respectfully request that your office convene a high-level meeting involving the following key stakeholders, Rand Water and Magalies Water representatives, Rustenburg Water Services Trust, Directorate infrastructure and Councillors, with particular emphasis on ward councillors, who play a pivotal role in liaising with and communicating vital information to their constituents.

The primary objectives of this meeting should be as follows:

1. To gain a comprehensive understanding of the current water supply challenges, including the status of the extraction dams and the anticipated water demand trends.

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2. To develop and agree on a coordinated action plan to mitigate the impact of these challenges on Rustenburg residents.
3. To outline contingency measures that the municipality and its partners will implement should the situation deteriorate further.
4. To establish a clear communication strategy to ensure consistent, accurate, and timely updates are provided to all stakeholders, particularly community members, through their ward councillors.

I urge your office to treat this matter with the urgency it deserves and to consider scheduling the meeting at the earliest convenience.

We look forward to your guidance and leadership in ensuring that Rustenburg continues to meet its residents' essential service needs, even under challenging circumstances.

Yours faithfully

Cllr. Nelio Nhacuangue