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Good Day

RE: FORMAL REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEPLORABLE STATE OF THE NXUBA (FORMERLY CRADOCK) CEMETERY

The above matter refers.

I hereby make a formal request for investigation into the state of the Nxuba (formerly Cradock) Cemetery, a heritage site which has fallen into a deplorable state.

In addition, it is requested that that use be made of the powers afforded in terms of Section 45 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 – or whatever other

powers or remedies are at your disposal – to ensure the swift preservation and restoration of this site.

At present, the cemetery's condition is a glaring display of disrespect to the memory of the deceased and those who visit to pay their respects.

The cemetery, established in the early 1800s, lies in a state of utter disarray, with graves scattered randomly across the site. It seems that whenever a vacant space is identified, a new grave is dug without any consideration for the site's historical integrity or spatial planning.

The most alarming possibility is that, due to the cemetery's age and lack of proper control, management, and supervision, individuals may be buried on top of existing graves. This raises legitimate concerns about desecration.

We have also written to the Mayor of the Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, requesting urgent intervention due to this blatant disregard for rules, regulations and municipal bylaws.

We believe that the municipality is failing in the following areas:

1. Proper care must be taken of the grave sites.
2. Guidelines for burials, including required documentation and grave plot allocation, must be followed.
3. A detailed record of burials and grave locations must be maintained.

The cemetery urgently requires immediate attention and proper management to restore its dignity and former glory as a sacred place of honour and remembrance.

Yours sincerely,



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