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Sakhisizwe Local Municipality
Attention: Executive Mayor
Cllr. B. Ponoshe
Email: bponoshe@gmail.com

Dear Mayor Ponoshe,

RE: Urgent Intervention Required for Elliot's Road Infrastructure Crisis

I am writing to request your immediate intervention in addressing the severe deterioration of road infrastructure in Elliot. The situation has reached a point where residents are now forced to repair potholes themselves due to the municipality's inability to deliver services. This is unacceptable and highlights the dismal failure of local government in fulfilling its basic responsibilities to residents.

The following issues require your urgent attention:

1. Pothole damage that is putting the safety of drivers at risk.
2. Residential roads that have deteriorated to a point of being inaccessible to emergency services, and local residents.
3. Unclear timelines in response to repeated appeals from residents for road maintenance and upgrades.

As the mayor, we need you to take decisive action to resolve this crisis. We request that you provide us with a detailed plan for repairing Elliot's road infrastructure, with specific timelines for the beginning and completion of such road works, as well as the municipality's plans for ongoing road maintenance. If you are unable to effectively intervene, we will be compelled to escalate this matter to the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature.

The residents of Elliot deserve safe, well-maintained roads. We urge you to act swiftly to address this crisis and fulfill your duty to the community.

Sincerely,

MARLENE EWERS, MPL.
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Democratic Alliance North East Cape Constituency Leader