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Dear Mr. Nonjola,

The Municipal Manager

Joe Gqabi District Municipality

RE: Urgent Attention Required – Leaking Underground Water Pipe in La Rochelle Street, Burgersdorp

I am writing to formally bring to your urgent attention the ongoing issue of an aged underground water pipe, specifically in La Rochelle Street, Burgersdorp, which has been leaking for a stretch of approximately 600 meters. *(Pictures at the end of this mail)* This situation is particularly concerning as Burgersdorp is a water-scarce area, and the continuous leakage of clean water bubbling to the surface represents a significant waste of this precious resource.

Furthermore, the excavation done, in October 2024, work done to assess the issue has been left in an unsafe condition. The dug-up areas have not been secured with safety tape or other precautionary measures, and the displaced soil has been left on what remains of the tarred road. This poses a serious hazard to both motorists and the children who frequently play in the area.

It is my understanding that Ward Councillor Mathee Nel has persistently raised this matter with the Joe Gqabi District Municipality, yet there has been no visible action taken to resolve it. Given the urgency of the situation, I request clarity on the following:

- When does the municipality plan to replace the damaged underground water pipe?
- What is the estimated timeframe for completing this replacement?
- What immediate measures will be taken to secure the affected area and mitigate the safety risks currently posed to residents?

I urge your office to prioritize this matter and provide a detailed response on the planned course of action. Your swift intervention is necessary to prevent further water loss and ensure the safety of the community.

I look forward to your prompt response and a clear action plan from the municipality.

Yours sincerely,



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