



Date:	05 March 2025
To:	The President of the Republic of South Africa Mr Cyril Ramaphosa The Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Mr Velenkosini Hlabisa The Minister of Finance Mr Enoch Godongwana
From:	CJ Steyl MPL
Subject:	Request to expedite Section 139(7) intervention in the Ditsobotla Local Municipality

Dear Sirs,

Following my letter dated 10 January 2025, requesting your urgent consideration to place the Ditsobotla Local Municipality under Section 139(7) national government administration, attached, the matter refers:

1. Yesterday, 04 March 2025, there was a shootout in a confrontation between municipal workers and the former Municipal Manager, Olaotswe Bojosinyane's, bodyguards. Two persons were shot and injured;
2. MM Olaotswe Bojosinyane attempted to access the Ditsobotla municipal offices following his Labour Court victory granting relief for immediate reinstatement following his unlawful dismissal on 30 January 2025. See attached judgement;
3. The Ditsobotla Local Municipality is appealing the judgement;
4. Today, on 05 March 2025, former MM Olaotswe Bojosinyane called an urgent Special Council meeting in Mahikeng to consider the removal of the Speaker and Mayor, while the Ditsobotla Speaker, Cllr Nico Modisakeng, called a Special Council meeting in Lichtenburg, to discuss the appeal to the Labour Court judgement. See attached notices;
5. MM Olaotswe Bojosinyane has now power in law to call a Council meeting while there is a serving Speaker.

As you would appreciate, the situation is untenable. While the politicised municipal administration is fighting on the streets, Ditsobotla residents have had to endure weeks without water and electricity supply.

The situation is extremely volatile. We have also called for the permanent employment of public order police units to maintain order, the public peace and to protect critical municipal infrastructure subject to vandalism.



Our request under Section 139(7) include:

1. A fully funded financial recovery plan administered by National Treasury;
2. An independent financial forensic audit;
3. An independent skills audit of all management;
4. Lifestyle audits of all elected political office bearers and municipal management;
5. Disciplinary action to remove compromised politicians and municipal officials from office and prosecution of all individuals complicit in criminal activity;
6. The recruitment of skilled, qualified and experienced officials through a fair and transparent process without any political influence; and that,
7. The Asset Forfeiture Unit must recover all losses identified in the forensic audit.

It is our submission that the national government's intervention under section 139(7) has now become extremely necessary.

We look forward to your urgent and favourable consideration in the interest of Ditsobotla residents.

With appreciation,

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North West Provincial Legislature
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