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29 May 2025

**To: The Honourable Barbara Creecy, Minister
Minister for Transport
South Africa**

**Per email: TransportMinistry@dot.gov.za
Sylvesterg@dot.gov.za**

Dear Minister Creecy

**RE: LATEST ROAD INCIDENT DATA AND A RENEWED CALL FOR INTERVENTION TO
ENHANCE SAFETY ON R75 BETWEEN GQEBERHA AND KARIEGA**

The above matter, as well as my previous correspondence dated 13 May 2025, refers.

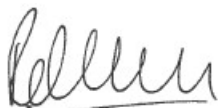
Please find herewith attached a further letter addressed to the Chief Executive Officer of SANRAL, Mr Reginald Demana. The letter includes the most recent accident statistics supplied by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality's Department of Traffic and Licensing, detailing incidents that have occurred along the R75 corridor between Gqeberha and Kariega from April 2024 to May 2025.

Although your office was most prompt in acknowledging receipt of my previous communication, for which I am grateful, I am once again compelled to call upon your urgent intervention from a national level. The statistics provided lay bare the daily and ongoing risk to life presented by the current state of the R75 road. Without tangible and decisive action, the situation will only worsen.

Honourable Minister, the people of Nelson Mandela Bay look to you in this matter and place faith in you and your office. I must urge you to compel immediate action in this matter and ensure the implementation of meaningful and lasting safety measures on this crucial roadway.

Your most urgent assistance in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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Shadow MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Constituency Head NMB South West

CC: Eastern Cape MEC for Transport, Hon Xolile Nqatha
Eastern Cape Shadow Minister for Transport, Hon Kabelo Mogatosi
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To: Mr Reginald Demana
Chief Executive Officer
South African National Roads Agency

Per Email: ngobenis@nra.co.za (ngobenis@nra.co.za)

Dear Sir

RE: FURTHER DATA HIGHLIGHTING THE HAZARDOUS NATURE OF THE R75 BETWEEN GQEBERHA AND KARIEGA AND A FURTHER CALL FOR ACTION BY SANRAL

The above matter refers.

I write to you once again to bring to your urgent attention the alarming rate of daily road accidents and the significant loss of life occurring on the R75 roadway between Gqeberha and Kariega. Over the past two years, this route has become increasingly dangerous, and the situation continues to deteriorate.

Please find attached recent email correspondence from the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality's Department of Traffic and Licensing. This communication includes the latest available statistics detailing the number and nature of traffic incidents reported on the R75 between April 2024 and the present date. The statistics paint a deeply concerning picture and offer further proof of the hazardous conditions along this route.

The ongoing and escalating danger posed by the R75 is, in large part, attributable to the persistent lack of functional traffic lights, inadequate street lighting, and the absence of

effective road safety measures. Despite repeated efforts by myself and various stakeholders to raise these concerns with your office, the problems associated with the R75 remain unaddressed.

I therefore write to you again with the strongest possible urgency to request that SANRAL take immediate and pro-active steps to ensure the safety of all motorists making use of this vital stretch of roadway. This includes, but is not limited to, the repair and maintenance of traffic lights, restoration of street lighting, and the implementation of comprehensive traffic calming and safety infrastructure.

The current state of inaction is unacceptable in the face of the daily risk to life. I trust that you will treat this matter with the seriousness it deserves and that appropriate remedial action will follow without further delay.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Retief Odendaal', with a horizontal line underneath.

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Shadow MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Constituency Head NMB South West

From: Eric Tiso <etiso@mandelametro.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, 26 May 2025 09:17
To: Ward8, NMMM <ward8@mandelametro.gov.za>
Cc: Warren Prins <wprins@mandelametro.gov.za>; Connie Wasserman <CWasserman@mandelametro.gov.za>
Subject: RE: ACCIDENT STATS R75 : (TC 8/5/25)

Good Day Sir

I am sorry to come back at this time with your request Regarding R75 accidents regarding Motor Vehicles and Pedestrians.

The following is the stats : From April 2024 to May 2025

- 1.The total number of Accident in R75 and Kariega = 166
- 2.Number of Fatalities between R75 to Kariega which involves Motor vehicles only = 26
- 3.Number of Accident which involves Motor Vehicles and Pedestrians Fatalities = 9
- 4.Number of Accidents with serious injuries Motor Vehicles only = 489
- 5.Number of minor injuries Motor Vehicles only = 578
- 6.Number of minor injuries Motor Vehicle and Pedestrians =344
7. Rear end Accident =19
- 8.Head on = 3
- 9.Vehicle Overtuned = 6

Cllr we gave you more than what you asked for .

Regards

Mr EM Tiso
Deputy Chief Operations
Traffic & Licensing
0414021027/ 0825774166



From: Ward8, NMMM <ward8@mandelametro.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 09:41
To: Warren Prins <wprins@mandelametro.gov.za>
Cc: Eric Tiso <etiso@mandelametro.gov.za>; Welcome Ntoba <WNtoba@mandelametro.gov.za>; Lyndon Edwards <ledwards@mandelametro.gov.za>
Subject: RE: ACCIDENT STATS R75 : (TC 8/5/25)

Good Morning Warren

I refer to your e-mail below, dated 16/5/2025
Please provide this office with feedback on this matter.
Thank you.

Regards

GUSTAV RAUTENBACH
DA COUNCILLOR : WARD 8
DA CAUCUS CHIEF WHIP : NMBM
CELL : 079 4900 054
OFFICE : 041 – 368 7008
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From: Warren Prins <wprins@mandelametro.gov.za>
Sent: Friday, 16 May 2025 15:10
To: Ward8, NMMM <ward8@mandelametro.gov.za>
Cc: Eric Tiso <etiso@mandelametro.gov.za>; Welcome Ntoba <WNtoba@mandelametro.gov.za>; Lyndon Edwards <ledwards@mandelametro.gov.za>
Subject: RE: ACCIDENT STATS R75 : (TC 8/5/25)

Good afternoon Cllr,

Will do and forward to you. The request was done.

Kind Regards.

Mr. W. Prins
Director: Traffic and Licensing
Sub Directorate: Traffic and Licensing
Directorate: Safety and Security
Office: 041-402 1008
e-Mail: wprins@mandelametro.gov.za



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From: Ward8, NMMM <ward8@mandelametro.gov.za>

Sent: Friday, 16 May 2025 12:31

To: Warren Prins <wprins@mandelametro.gov.za>

Cc: Eric Tiso <etiso@mandelametro.gov.za>; Welcome Ntoba <WNtoba@mandelametro.gov.za>; Lyndon Edwards <ledwards@mandelametro.gov.za>

Subject: ACCIDENT STATS R75 : (TC 8/5/25)

Good Afternoon Warren

It would be appreciated if you could avail accident stats on the R75 between Gqeberha and Kariega for the period, April 2024 to May 2025.

Stats to include the following:

- how many accidents
- how many fatal accidents including pedestrians
- how many serious injuries including pedestrians

Regards

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13 May 2025

**To: The Honourable Barbara Creecy, Minister
Minister for Transport
South Africa**

**Per email: TransportMinistry@dot.gov.za
Sylvesterg@dot.gov.za**

Dear Minister Creecy

**RE: REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION TO ENHANCE SAFETY ON R75 BETWEEN GQEBERHA
AND KARIEGA**

I am writing to bring to your attention the alarming rate of daily road accidents and the significant loss of life which is occurring on the R75 roadway between Gqeberha and Kariega over the past two years at least.

The condition of the R75 roadway poses a significant risk to our community, with frequent loss of life caused due to non-operational traffic lights, unsafe pedestrian crossings, and insufficient street lighting.

This stretch of road is extremely busy due to its significance as one of the main economic routes of Nelson Mandela Bay and is used extensively for transporting goods.

We have repeatedly raised the issues related to safety on the R75 with the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), who cited vandalism by communities living adjacent to the road as one of their main concerns.

Despite noting SANRAL's concerns, little to no progress has been made in collaboration with the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality and COGTA to address safety issues, leaving the road a deadly hazard for motorists and resulting in unnecessary and preventable loss of life.

We respectfully request that you urgently investigate and intervene, using the authority of your office to ensure SANRAL takes necessary measures to enhance road safety, particularly at the R75 intersections between Gqeberha and Kariega.

This effort can be complemented by other road safety measures, such as regular roving roadblocks set up by the municipality.

We sincerely hope that your office will lend its authority to address this issue, for the benefit and safety of the people of Nelson Mandela Bay.

Yours sincerely,



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