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Hon Zolile Williams  
MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs  
Eastern Cape

Dear MEC Williams

**RE: Water Challenges in Qhugqwarhu & Boqo Villages, Emalahleni Local Municipality**

I am writing to you as the Democratic Alliance (DA) Constituency Leader for the Emalahleni Local Municipality to highlight the water challenges faced by the residents of Qhugqwarhu and Boqo villages in the Emalahleni Local Municipality, which falls within the Chris Hani District Municipality.

The two villages did not have access to portable water until local DA Councillors intervened in 2021 and funded the installation of a borehole in each of the villages. These boreholes are the communities' only source of water, and they must still pool their resources to purchase electricity to operate the pumps that extract it.

I respectfully request that your office, as the Eastern Cape MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA), intervene urgently in the water crisis affecting these villages, which require a sustainable long-term solution.

I look forward to your intervention in this regard.

Sincerely,

**MARLENE EWERS, MPL .**  
**Shadow MEC of Social Development**

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