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And To: Hon MEC Z Williams

MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature

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Dear MEC Williams

RE: REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION IN THE INXUBA YETHEMBA IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE

The above matter refers.

I write to you to urgently request your intervention in the escalating crisis at the Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, where irregular expenditure and mismanagement have placed service delivery in jeopardy.

The Municipality's Irregular Expenditure Report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2025 reflects a shocking R11,5 million in irregular expenditure. This reckless use of public funds has coincided with the suspension of a critical R14 million paving project for three streets in Michausdal, Nxuba, which commenced on 16 July 2024 and was due for completion in February 2025. To date, only R681,000 has been paid to the contractor, who abandoned the site in June 2025 due to non-payment.

In stark contrast, the Municipality has directed over R5,25 million to staff training services and a further R671,500 to an Easter sports tournament. The prioritisation of these expenses over the completion of essential infrastructure projects demonstrates a serious disregard for the needs of residents.

These delays have had a severe impact on communities, with residents facing flooding during rainfall because of the unfinished roads. Despite numerous attempts to raise these matters in Council and through written correspondence to both the Mayor and the Municipal Manager, no response has been forthcoming.

Given the Municipality's persistent lack of transparency and the grossly irresponsible handling of public resources, I respectfully urge your office to take immediate action. The residents of Inxuba Yethemba deserve accountability, proper governance, and service delivery that improves their quality of life.

I entreat you to treat this matter with the urgency it requires.

Yours sincerely

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