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**To: The Office of the Premier**

**Subject: Grave Concerns Regarding the Ongoing Decline of Msunduzi Municipality**

**Dear Hon. Premier,**

Thank you once again for assembling the Premier's Working Group for Msunduzi Municipality.

On behalf of the DA Caucus in Msunduzi, we write to you with grave concern regarding the devastating and continued decline in service delivery and financial stability within our municipality.

**1. Financial Crisis**

The growing debtor's book — particularly with bulk service providers — remains a critical threat. A lack of financial discipline, poor management, and inadequate transparency in reporting to Council structures persist. The flawed and erratic billing system, coupled with ineffective credit control, continues to fuel outrage in the public domain.

**2. Waste Management & Labour Unrest**

The ongoing crisis in waste management, compounded by recurring labour protests, disrupts essential services on a weekly basis and contributes to the city's decline.

**3. Poor Leadership & Governance**

Continued poor decision-making at both Leadership and Troika level has further damaged the municipality's credibility, placing the city in disrepute.

**4. Ineffective Interventions**

The interventions by COGTA, specifically through the deployment of a so-called "COGTA Expert," have not yielded visible results. There is no evidence of regular updates, no clear presence within Council structures, and the terms of reference remain vague and unenforced.

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***In light of the above, we strongly urge your office to:***

- Ensure openness and transparency in reporting from the Working Group.
- Commit to providing monthly feedback reports that outline actions taken and measurable progress achieved, itemised by department.

Msunduzi Municipality is at the brink of total collapse. Without immediate and aggressive intervention, it risks reaching a point beyond repair.

We therefore request your urgent response and feedback on how your office intends to stabilise and rescue Msunduzi before it is too late.

Yours sincerely,

**Ross Strachan**

**Leader: DA Msunduzi Caucus**

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