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**TO: Hon. Pemmy Majodina, MP**  
**Minister Of Water And Sanitation**  
**PER EMAIL: [pmajodina@parliament.gov.za](mailto:pmajodina@parliament.gov.za)**

Dear Honorable Minister Majodina,

**RE: NMB BULK WATER COMPETENCY – KROMME LINE (CHURCHILL AND IMPOFU DAM)**

The aforementioned matter as well as my correspondence addressed to you on 14 January 2026, has reference.

We have previously raised serious concern regarding the continued mismanagement of our scarce water resources by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality. The Municipality currently has no comprehensive plan in place to address the infrastructure challenges that are directly contributing to the growing water shortage in Nelson Mandela Bay.

I have, on numerous occasions, also raised the concern that Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality cannot be trusted with the bulk water competency at the Impofo and Churchill Dams on the Kromme line. In my view, the Municipality's control over bulk water supply has diminished the sense of urgency required to address its ongoing and severe infrastructure challenges.

At the time of writing this, the Municipality has confirmed that more than six thousand leaks remain unattended to. This is indicative of a systemic failure to manage and maintain its water infrastructure.

It is therefore my considered opinion that the bulk water competency for the Impofu and Churchill dams should be removed from Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality and vested in an external service provider, such as an irrigation board. A comparable model is the Gamtoos Irrigation Board, which manages the Kouga Dam and has demonstrated effective and responsible abstraction and management. Such an arrangement would ensure more responsible bulk water control, while compelling the Municipality to urgently address its internal infrastructure failures and curb excessive water losses.

I respectfully request your feedback on the above matter.

Sincerely,

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

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