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**To: Hon Zolile Williams MPL**

MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs  
Eastern Cape Provincial Government

Dear Hon MEC Williams

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**RE: REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE SECONDMENT OF ACTING CITY MANAGER | NELSON MANDELA BAY**

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I refer to the aforementioned matter.

We request your immediate intervention in Nelson Mandela Bay following the recent appointment of the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Jackson Ngcelwane, as Acting City Manager.

While Council has resolved to appoint Mr Ngcelwane in this capacity, the appointment is unlawful, as he does not meet the prescribed minimum competency requirements for the position. This has effectively created a lacuna in the office of the City Manager.

Given the urgency of the situation, and to avoid any administrative vacuum, we request that your office urgently facilitates the secondment of a suitably qualified official to assume the role of Acting City Manager.

The Municipality is in dire need of stable and lawful administrative leadership, and your intervention in terms of Section 154 of the Constitution is now essential to restore governance and ensure continuity.

We would appreciate your urgent consideration of this request and confirmation of the steps to be taken.

Sincerely,

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