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Municipal Manager
Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality
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Dear A. Losaba

URGENT INTERVENTION REQUIRED – WATER CRISIS IN DELAREYVILLE AND CONDITION OF GEYSDORP PUMP STATION

AfriForum is a non-profit organisation with the main purpose of protecting the constitutional rights of its members and the communities to which its members belong. We urgently bring to your attention the ongoing and unacceptable water crisis that has plagued the Delareyville community for over seven consecutive days.

The situation has become dire. For over a week, residents have been without access to clean, running water. This failure has far-reaching implications on health, hygiene, education, and daily life. Furthermore, a video currently circulating on social media, depicting the shocking state of the Geysdorp pump station, has intensified public concern and outrage. The footage clearly shows severe neglect and inadequate infrastructure maintenance, calling into question the municipality's ability to uphold its constitutional and legislative responsibilities.

We wish to remind the municipality of the following legal obligations:

1. **Section 27(1)(b) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996**, guarantees every person the right to have access to sufficient water.
2. **Section 27(2)** places an obligation on the state to take reasonable legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realisation of this right.
3. In addition, the **Water Services Act 108 of 1997**, particularly:
 - **Section 3(1)**: "Everyone has a right of access to basic water supply and basic sanitation."
 - **Section 11(1)**: Places a duty on Water Services Authorities (in this case, the district municipality) to ensure efficient, affordable, economical and sustainable access to water services.

It is clear that the municipality is currently failing to meet these obligations. The community of Delareyville cannot continue to suffer under conditions that amount to a denial of a basic human right.

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We hereby formally request:

1. **Immediate restoration of water supply** to Delareyville and surrounding areas.
2. A **comprehensive and transparent report** on the current challenges at the Geysdorp pump station and how these are being addressed.
3. A **detailed water crisis management plan**, including:
 - Short-term measures to restore supply.
 - Long-term strategies to ensure infrastructure maintenance and prevent future breakdowns.
4. A **meeting with AfriForum representatives** to discuss this crisis and the municipality's plan of action going forward.

Considering the abovementioned and the fact that the municipality is failing in its constitutional obligation, we hereby implore the Municipality Manager and his team to intervene in this maladministration and ensure that the above key issues are urgently addressed.

If the problems are not rectified within the proposed time frame, being 24 hours, AfriForum will use the necessary measures to obtain the applicable relief and claim the expenses from the municipality.

We look forward to your response and a confirmed date for the requested meeting.

Kind regards

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