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Dear Dr Mothamaha

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING 86% WSDP COMPLIANCE CLAIM

AfriForum represents the interests of its members and the communities in the Ngwathe Local Municipality. AfriForum hereby formally requests documentation on the 86% WSDP compliance claim.

AfriForum refers to Ngwathe Local Municipality's media statement of 4 September 2026, in which the municipality claims that its Water Services Development Plan (WSDP) achieved an 86% audit compliance score, placing Ngwathe first nationally.

We request the underlying documentation to verify this claim and to establish precisely what the 86% score represents. A WSDP is principally a planning and regulatory instrument, and an assessment of a WSDP should not automatically be understood as a measure of actual water and sanitation service delivery. A high WSDP score does not necessarily mean that water quality, wastewater treatment, infrastructure functionality, reliability of supply or implementation of planned projects is compliant or satisfactory.

This distinction is particularly important given the longstanding and well-documented deficiencies in Ngwathe's water and sanitation services. Furthermore, Ngwathe's own final reviewed 2026/27 Integrated Development Plan, published in June 2026, records the WSDP as not being in place and as still in draft form.

To allow the municipality's latest claim to be properly understood, please provide:

1. the WSDP that was assessed and resulted in the reported 86% score, including its date of finalisation and adoption.
2. the full WSDP audit or assessment report containing the 86% score, including the identity of the assessing authority.
3. the methodology, scorecard or criteria used to calculate the 86%, including the municipality's score for each component.
4. the Council resolution or other formal record adopting the WSDP.

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Please also confirm whether the 86% refers to compliance with WSDP planning and reporting requirements, implementation of the WSDP, compliance with statutory water and sanitation standards, or another measure.

We raise this because the wording of the media statement could reasonably lead members of the public to believe that Ngwathe has substantially achieved its water and sanitation service delivery objectives, whereas the significance of an 86% WSDP assessment is more nuanced. We believe that the publication of the underlying documents is therefore necessary to ensure that the municipality's achievement is reported accurately and in its proper context.

We look forward to receiving the requested information by no later than on 11 September 2026.

Kind regards

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