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THIRD RESPONSE TO THE MEMORANDUM RECEIVED ON 25 OCTOBER 2017 FROM CONCERNED REGION 2 RESIDENTS

This third response was needed as the affected and elected Community Representatives from Region 2 rejected the previous two responses.

The Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Facilities has been a lingering problem within the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality for the past ten years. The Municipality acknowledge the consequences which the community around the Apies River has experienced due to the problems at the Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Works. The current DA led administration has seen and identified this as one of its key priorities in fixing and correcting the previously neglected refurbishment and extension of the Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Works by the previous administration.

Looking at the demands that have been made by the affected community the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality will provide honest and clear feedback on the relevant points brought to the attention of the Executive Mayor.

Concerns	Response
Water Quality from Temba Water Purification Plant	<p>The National Department of Water and Sanitation implemented an incentive based Blue Drop Certification Programme in 2009 to acknowledge water supply systems on their excellent management thereof. The number of Blue Drop Systems operated by the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality increased from 4 to 6 in the last Blue Drop Certification (2014) report.</p> <p>The Blue Drop Score for the Municipality overall was summarised at 94.43% which improved their position in Gauteng from 6th to 4th best in this province. The Gauteng Provincial Blue Drop Score was 92.1%.</p> <p>Temba Water Purification Plant (WPP) achieved a Blue Drop Score of 88.97% in the 2014-report. Temba WPP was extended to produce a higher volume of water and upgraded recently to achieve better qualities taking into consideration the current quality of the source water.</p>

Permanent Job Losses and poverty	The Municipality continuously publish tenders for opportunities of all members of communities to submit their bids for fair evaluation.
Increase in Crime	<p>Vandalism of Municipal Infrastructure due to increase crime is being attended too with the relevant Departments in the Municipality.</p> <p>A proper "smart" fence with monitoring and reaction to the triggering of early alarms to protect the Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Works will be implemented soon. A tender is currently being evaluated.</p>
Polluted Soil and groundwater	<p>The authorisation to operate the Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Works requires the monitoring of groundwater from on-site boreholes. The monitoring of the boreholes is being outsourced and reports are available.</p> <p>The rehabilitation of groundwater is very difficult. The Municipality with the National Department of Water and Sanitation identified affected farmers and these farmers are currently supplied with Municipal water by tankers.</p>
Water Tankers and quality of water	<p>The Municipality is dedicated to oversee the supply of enough and good quality Municipal water to affected farmers.</p> <p>The current contractor will be closely monitored to ensure that the water quality is not negatively compromised during the transfer of water from the supply pipe into the tanker and into the farmer's water tanks.</p> <p>The installation of standpipes for the farmers is being investigated.</p>
Loss of Property Value	A third party claim form and procedure is in place that can be used to register any claims. This claim form is currently being made user friendly and will be communitated to you on completion.
Hyacinths in Apies River	The hyacinth growth in the Apies River needs to be monitored and controlled through the management by the National Department of Environmental Affairs. The Municipality will contact this Department for an information workshop to all affected riparian farmers.
Flies and midgits	<p>The Utility Services Department is tasked to draft a tender to manage the nuisance flies and midgits as and when required.</p> <p>Previous unsuccessful attemps to employ a possible service provider submitted by the Rooiwal Community will be re-investigated.</p>

Financial losses	A third-party insurance claim can be submitted to the Municipal Insurance Section. Third-party claims will be evaluated and communicated to the claimant individually.
Destruction of river ecology	The Apies River is affected by frequent flush floods during a rainy event. The National Department of Water and Sanitation is the custodian of all rivers in South Africa. Therefore, the repair of such damage is the responsibility of the National Water and Sanitation Department.

The City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality will monitor the new developments and the roll out of Phase 1 for the Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Works to ensure that the capacity of the Works is not out of reach with developments that is taking place at the same time.

The Municipality understand that the Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Works has not functioned optimally for a number of year and have taken steps to ensure that this Plant is upgraded. With the tender process finalising and a consultant already employed the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality takes ownership to correct the wrongs of the past and ensure that the Apies river and surrounding areas are again uplifted to the agricultural hub that is used to be.

Kind regards,



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MEMORANDUM

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BACKGROUND

The Rooiwal Community in Region 2 handed over on 25 October 2017 a Memorandum to MMC: Utility Services for the attention to the Executive Mayor regarding their dissatisfaction over the status of the Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Works and discharged effluent quality. The representatives of the Rooiwal Community rejected the first two responses from the Executive Mayor's office. The request for a factual response was directed to the Water and Sanitation division in the Utility Services Department.

CONCLUSION

The Utility Services Department is required to ratify the response and forward it via the MMC: Utility Services' office to the Executive Mayor for signature for delivery to the Rooiwal Community Representatives.

Regards,

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