

16 September 2019

To: Ms L Tredoux  
The Acting Municipal Manager  
City of Tshwane

And to: Ms. K Motsepe  
Section 79 Oversight  
Committee: Utility Services

And to: Cllr S Mokgalapa  
Executive Mayor  
City of Tshwane

And to: Mr. B Jones  
Provincial Manager  
The South African Human  
Rights Commission

And to: Mr T Koitheng  
Hammanskraal Residents  
Forum

And to: Mr. D Mahlobo  
Deputy Minister of Human  
Settlements, Water and  
Sanitation

And to: Mr H Kekana  
Fair and Equitable Society

And to: Ms. D Mochotlhi  
Director General: Department  
of Water and Sanitation (Acting)

Dear Sirs,

**SUBSTANDARD POTABLE WATER QUALITY SUPPLIED BY THE CITY OF TSHWANE  
TO HAMMANSKRAAL RESIDENTS**

**OUR REF: L3CA/03**

**YOUR REF: SL/CM/07/19/144**

1. Our previous correspondence in respect of the abovementioned matter refers.
2. Kindly take note that writer was assigned to further represent OUTA in this matter and deal with future engagements. In the premise, kindly address all subsequent correspondence and queries to writer.
3. Since our last engagement with the City of Tshwane, there has been several steps taken by different levels of government, community representative forums and other organisations, all which are welcomed by OUTA.

**ORGANISATION UNDOING TAX ABUSE NPC**

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4. Kindly take note that OUTA has joined efforts with the Hammanskraal Residents Forum (HRF) and Fair and Equitable Society (FES) in order to take a more united approach.
5. On 10 September 2019, Mr Koitheng, Chairperson of the HRF, presented to the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation on the situation in Hammanskraal.
6. An OUTA representative attended the meeting and it was reported that several instructions/ commitments were made by the committee, amongst these were, but not limited to -
  - 6.1 The Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation gave instruction to the Deputy Minister, Mr David Mahlobo, (Deputy Minister) and his team to draft and implement a consolidated plan to hold the executive authority accountable;
  - 6.2 That the funds from the Urban Settlement Development Grant should be made available to rectify the situation in Hammanskraal;
  - 6.3 The Deputy Minister indicated that the same approach will be implemented with the Metropolitan Municipalities;
  - 6.4 The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) indicated that they also did water test & found the same results which indicated that the water is not suitable for drinking; and
  - 6.5 SA Human Rights Commission indicated that they are also under resourced but will attempt to monitor the situation in Hammanskraal closely.
7. Since our initial engagement on the matter, OUTA has been met with several different stances taken by the Municipality by means of media statements and releases.
8. In the spirit of cooperative governance and the objects of local government we would like to request another engagement with all stakeholders included in this correspondence.
9. The purpose of this engagement would be –
  - 9.1 To establish the Municipality's stance on the situation;
  - 9.2 To assist the Ministerial Team in drafting and compiling its consolidated plan; and
  - 9.3 To ensure the community's interests and rights are protected and given effect.
10. OUTA is willing to facilitate the engagement and would appreciate your co-operation.
11. Kindly advise on whether you are willing to participate in the above and indicate your availability during the next 2 to 3 weeks.

12. We trust you find above in order and eagerly await your response. Should you have any queries kindly contact writer hereof.

Yours faithfully,



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