

**PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**A PUBLIC PETITION**

**TO: THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

**FROM: THE RESIDENTS OF WARRENTON, NORTHERN CAPE, SOUTH  
AFRICA**

**SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE AND SUSTAINED RESOLUTIONS TO THE WATER  
CRISIS IN WARRENTON, NORTHERN CAPE**

**DATE: 6 JUNE 2023**

**HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT,**

Respectfully sheweth that:

We, the undersigned residents of Warrenton and other concerned citizens, urgently request the Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation to address the serious impairment of our right to accessible and reliable water supply. This basic right, enshrined in our Constitution, has been severely and persistently infringed upon due to the ongoing water crisis in Warrenton, which has been exacerbated by ineffective local governance, financial mismanagement, and inadequate disaster management in the face of natural disasters such as the recent Vaal River floods.

This water crisis has been ongoing for an unacceptable duration, now exceeding three months, without any tangible resolution in sight. The issue started with the non-payment of subcontractors, resulting in a halt to the repairs of the Warrenton water pipeline, leaving local residents without a proper water supply since February 2023. The situation has been exacerbated by the R100 million debt owed to Eskom by the municipality, resulting in regular interruptions in the water supply to residents in the township.

Many of us have been forced to risk our safety by crossing the busy N12 road to fetch water in the town. The situation has been particularly grave for the disabled, elderly, and infirm residents who are struggling to access water from distant water points. The emergency water supply plan, which has cost around R800 000 thus far, has proved to be largely ineffective. Furthermore, we contend that the planning and appointment of contractors for this project lacked transparency and efficient management.

We, the undersigned, have observed with deep concern the dysfunctional state of the Magareng Local Municipality's response to this crisis. This dysfunction is evident in the cessation of construction and the absence of workers on site, as well as in the stalled project to upgrade the water treatment plant that was initially budgeted for at R84 million. The municipality's failure to provide a reliable interim water supply plan, as well as the delay in the construction of a R15 million permanent water pipeline, indicate a lack of commitment to resolving this water crisis.

We are further disturbed by allegations of partisan politics playing a role in water allocation, where only homes that have a favourable political affiliation are receiving water. This is a gross violation of our right to equal access to services. We request immediate intervention to ensure that water is supplied to all residents in Warrenton, regardless of political affiliation.

Moreover, we raise serious concerns about the procurement processes at the municipality, the appointment of contractors who lack the capacity to deliver, and the lack of a contingency plan for disaster management. Such poor functionality and lack of planning have exacerbated the water crisis, resulting in a situation that can only be described as a humanitarian disaster.

Given the above grievances, we demand an immediate and effective response from the government to this water crisis. We implore the Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation to conduct a thorough investigation into the current situation and intervene accordingly. We also request that the Portfolio Committee demand transparency from the municipality concerning the environmental and social impact reports for the construction of the main water pipeline.

Wherefore, your petitioners pray that the Honourable Parliament will take our case into favourable consideration and grant such relief as it may deem fit, including immediate and sustained resolutions to the water crisis in Warrenton. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

**-END-**

**Signed at Warrenton, Northern Cape, on 6 June 2023**

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10.	Willem Faure	Willem Faure
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16.	Neon Jacobs	Neon Jacobs
17.	Karl Ockings	Karl Ockings
18.	Lameez James	Lameez James
19.	Kelabetswe Motumi	Kelabetswe Motumi
20.	<del>Nil</del>	
21.	Sally Rogland	Sally Rogland
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94.	Viola	Moleko
95.	Megan	Visser
96.	Wilson	ADAMS
97.	Erika	Moosy
98.	Wilhelmina	Killems
99.	Hilda	Greeff
100.	Rina	Elster
101.	J. Tielkes	
102.	Lily	Sass
103.	C.M	Truter
104.	Thinus	Thessner
105.	Helena	Kok
106.	Eugene	Visser
107.	Grace	Boyce
108.	Nune	Groen
109.	Newie	CARLSE
110.	Myrtle	Kygaerdt
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112.	CAROL	SWETS
113.	Kokelotso	Moeng
114.	Shantoney	Greef
115.	Roxanne	Korasi
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