

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

(Form of Petition to Parliament)

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

The Petition of the undersigned ¹

The Residents of the Northern and North Eastern Parts of Rustenburg, North West

Respectfully sheweth: That²

Since September 2022, the already dire situation regarding the water supply in the Northern and North Eastern suburbs of Rustenburg has deteriorated to the extent where residents receive little to no water on a daily basis.

Pipes are continually bursting, PRVs are constantly failing, pumps and motors have to be replaced almost fortnightly with no standby equipment. There are non-return valves that have not worked for months.

The automated telemetry system is dysfunctional and many of the reservoir systems are being managed manually. In a town with more than 600 000 residents, this is an impossible task.

There are three different water authorities supplying water to the town and the local municipality distributing the water. There is no accountability to residents other than daily messages which apologise for the "inconvenience". Not having water is not just an "inconvenience", it is an abuse of the human rights of the residents.

Wherefore your petitioner (or petitioners) prays (pray) that the Honourable Parliament will be pleased to take his (or their) case into favourable consideration, and grant such relief as it may deem fit.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signatures to follow)



CHERYL PHILLIPS

¹ Here insert (a) in the case of one petitioner, name, description and place of residence and (b) in the case of more than one petitioner, description and place of residence.

² Here set forth the case or circumstances to be brought to the notice of Parliament and the nature of the relief asked for.