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Mr Amos Masondo  
The Chair of the National Council of Provinces

30 March 2023

By Hand

Petition: Give Emfuleni its Power Back

I hereby submit on behalf of the signatories to this petition, a demand to give the residents of Emfuleni their power back.

For three years, some Emfuleni residents, in the ANC-led Emfuleni Municipality, have been without electricity because of a faulty Eskom transformer.

Enough is enough!

Residents and businesses in Emfuleni deserve a stable power supply

Protracted power outages, often lasting for several days or even weeks continue to plague the residents of the Emfuleni Local Municipality in areas of Eskom direct supply as well as in areas receiving supply from the municipality. Replacement of transformers, whether stolen, vandalised or damaged by overloading or a lack of maintenance takes an unreasonable amount of time, and is often accompanied by demands for additional payments or acknowledgement of debt for the capital cost of the transformer.

In terms of the Bill of Rights, Paragraph 33 of the Constitution of South Africa we have the right to administrative actions that are lawful, reasonable and procedurally fair. These actions are not consistent with that requirement.

The inability of Eskom and the EMfuleni Municipality to apply appropriate steps to secure their networks and perform appropriate maintenance and credit control measures should not result in unreasonable and unfair withdrawal of services or the tardy response to valid demands for services.

As such, we demand immediate action to ensure that Emfuleni residents and businesses receive a consistent and reliable power supply.

I submit this petition in co-operation with Hon Kingsol Chabalala, Member of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature.

**TO THE HONOURABLE, THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.**

The Petition of the undersigned,

The community of Emfuleni Local Municipality in Gauteng as represented by the names and signatures attached hereto,

Respectfully sheweth:

That, we the people of Emfuleni Local Municipality in Gauteng, hereby respectfully request the Honorable, the Chairperson in terms of Chapter 10, Part 6, Rule 229 of the Rules of the National Council of Provinces to refer this petition to the relevant Select Committee to consider and urgently investigate the state of electricity supply in the abovementioned municipality and the inadequate performance by Eskom and the officials of the abovementioned municipality and their failure to plan and execute a satisfactory mitigation plan to supply electricity in this area.

Petition submitted by:

Hon. Dennis Ryder MP (Permanent NCOP delegate from Gauteng)

Date: 30/03/2023 Signature: 

Hon. Kingsol Chabalala MPL (Member of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature)

Date: 30/03/2023 Signature: 

Received by:

Date: 25/04/2023 Signature: 

Yours sincerely,

  
Dennis Ryder  
Member of Parliament for Gauteng in the National Council of Provinces