

Att: Mr. Patterson
Municipal Principal Engineer,
Ndlambi Municipality
Cc: Mr. Ngesi
Municipal Manager

Dear Mr. Patterson,

We as the ratepayers associations for both Ward 3 and Ward ? are extremely aggrieved as to the situation regarding the extension to Albany Coast Water Board. As you are well aware the whole of Harmony Park, Marcelle, Bushmans, Kenton and Epulkoweni are dependent on the water supply from the Albany Coast Water Board. It was due to the pressure from the ratepayers association that the crisis meeting was called by Mr D. Nicholl, the CEO, of the ACWB on the 2nd November. This meeting was chaired by yourself. Certain promises and plans were put into place which were deliverable by the 18th November, 2005 but nothing was resolved and an even larger can of worms was opened at second meeting at which you were absent, although your deputy Mr Pote was in attendance. The situation is now beyond resolution by 15th Decemeber which was " switch on" time.

We believe that the civil contractor and the civil consulting engineers should be summarily dismissed on the grounds that their contractual obligations have not been met with regard to both time (7 months over schedule) and specification in numerous areas (too numerous to list here). They have shown complete incompetence in both management and engineering skills. If required we would be able to solicit the time of an engineer to illustrate where the civil contractual work can be shown to be not up to specification or for that matter not even near specification.

It is recommended remaining money, which we believe to be R185,000 odd, which is under your control, be retained as the base for a new contractor, consultant and materials which will be required to complete the job to specification in the New Year. A certain amount of money will be required for remedial work immediately in order to make the site (mess) safe and partially rehabilitated in terms of the ROD. The influx of the holiday makers is immanent and there should be no delay in this regard.

Please regard this request as urgent.

Yours faithfully,

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