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Letter of concern to Mangaung mayor

The Christian Democratic Party has sent a letter to the Executive mayor of Mangaung concerning the lack of communication to the public on the water crisis and electricity bills.

Brief van kommer aan burgemeester van Mangaung

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party het 'n brief aan die uitvoerende burgemeester van Mangaung gestuur oor die gebrekkige kommunikasie met die publiek oor die waterkrisis en die elektrisiteitsrekenings.



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Thabo Manyoni
Executive Mayor
Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality

Dear Mr. Manyoni

INFORMATION ON WATER AND OTHER CRISIES IN MANGAUNG

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) has received, by way of the media and our support in Mangaung area, the disturbing news of several problems such as municipal accounts and the water crisis, but mainly, that it seems impossible to find out what is actually happening. The result is that rumours are rife, upsetting rate payers even more. Some of these are:

- That Mangaung had secretly been placed under administration resulting in contractors, who are executing typical municipal functions, not being paid by the municipal structure, but via a well know auditing firm.
- That Mangaung is in arrears to Bloemwater for water infrastructural maintenance, which has lead to a collapse in the infrastructure that supplies water to the municipality. Unnamed Bloemwater officials are frequently quoted in the media stating that Mangaung must come clean on the truth of what is going on.
- It seems as though Mangaung's own capacity to do the maintenance on water infrastructure in its own area of jurisdiction has collapsed, and that it is expected of Bloemwater to stand in, without being paid.
- We also received complaints that payments for electricity by some consumers are not reflected on either the municipal or Centlec accounts. This resulted in inflated Centlec bills as though no payment had been made. People need to be assured that this mess is being sorted out, in order to prevent rumours that money has been disappearing in midair.

We therefore kindly request that the rate payers be sufficiently informed on what the problems are, and how they are being addressed.

Yours truly,

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