



**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS TO THE FREE STATE  
LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE PETITION OF RESIDENTS OF  
ODENDAALSRUS VERSUS MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

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**Responsible Committee:** Committee on Petitions.

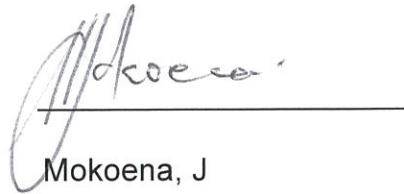
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**TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE  
FREE STATE LEGISLATURE**

The Committee on Petitions herewith tables its report regarding the petition of Residents of Odendaalsrus versus Matjhabeng Local Municipality. The Committee could not have presented this report without valuable contribution by the Petitioners, the Executive and officials of Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Hon. Members of the Committee on Petitions, as well as support services rendered by the Support staff from the Free State Legislature.

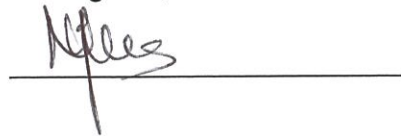


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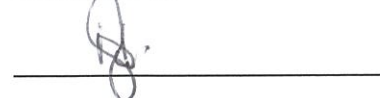
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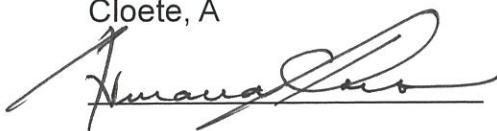
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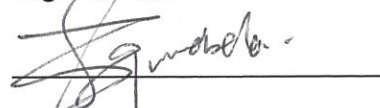
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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Committee on Petitions considered the petition of Residents of Odendalsrus versus Matjhabeng Local Municipality as per the provisions of Standing Rules and Orders of the Free State Legislature and Free State Petitions Act.

## **2. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

*The Committee comprises the following members:*

Cloete, A	(Member)
Foko, M	(Member)
Garekoe, N	(Member)
Khoabane, M	(Member)
Masoeu, D	(Member)
Meeko, T	(Member)
Mokoena, J	(Chairperson)
Msimanga, M	(Member)
Ndungane, N	(Member)
Sigwebela, Z	(Member)



### **3. PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE**

On 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the Committee on Petitions convened to consider the Petition of Residents of Odendaalsrus versus Matjhabeng Local Municipality

### **4. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION**

#### **4.1. Residents of Odendaalsrus versus Matjhabeng Local Municipality**

##### **4.1.1. Background – Residents of Odendaalsrus**

This petition is about the failure of Matjhabeng Local Municipality to provide the residents of Odendaalsrus with basic services which include unreliable and poor water supply and thereby being unable to fulfil its executive obligation and developmental duties as set out in Chapter 7, sections 152 and 153 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. This challenge is exacerbated by poor communication from the municipality especially when there is no water.

It is reported that there are ten pump stations in the area but all of them have been vandalized. This could have been avoided if only the security company was paid. The Matjhabeng Local Municipality is not paying Sedibeng Water / Vaal Central Water. One of the petitioners has a block of flats, and the whole area of 2nd floor does not have access to water due to low pressure.

There is a challenge with sewage as it is blocked most of the time. The landfill site is also not in good working conditions. Another challenge is that there is poor electricity supply, and this negatively affect the provision of other services.

The petitioners claim to have registered their grievances to the management and leadership of the municipality to no avail. This is why they have petitioned to the Free State Legislature as their last resort.

##### **4.1.2. Relief sought by the Petitioner**

The petitioners request that Matjhabeng Local Municipality must provide consistent service delivery to the residents of Odendaalsrus.

#### **4.1.3. Findings**

The Committee was informed that out of twelve pump station only two are working at Ventersburg and Virginia.

The Committee advised the Matjhabeng Local Municipality that not a single municipality in the province that has no water and electricity challenges, and that it is advisable that Matjhabeng Local Municipality invites all stakeholders under one roof to address those challenges. The Municipality was further advised that if the area was declared disaster, then they must engage with Freeloger and the Disaster Management Act must be evoked.

Executive Mayor informed the Committee that the municipality has written to National Department of Water and Sanitation and as a result, on 28 February 2022, the Disaster was declared after the intervention of Minister S. Mchunu. Weekly meetings were held and Department of water and Sanitation report to the municipality.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Committee resolved that, Committee on Governance must be made aware that they should be part of engagements to resolve the matter. Chairperson of the Committee indicated to the Matjhabeng Local Municipality that the Committee is aware that at some point, there was a meeting between the municipality and the petitioners, therefore, the request is made for a detailed report on service delivery to be availed to the Committee,
2. That the report of Residents of Odendaalsrus be adopted by the House.

