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PRESS STATEMENT

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TO THE EDITOR

SUBJECT: BUSHBUCKRIDGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CONDEMNS ROWDY BEHAVIOUR BY STRIKING MUNICIPAL WORKERS

The constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 stipulates that **everyone has a right to peacefully assemble, demonstrate and protest** but the striking municipal workers are in contravention with this constitutional provision. The striking municipal workers went on rampage man -handling and intimidating non-striking workers.

The municipality would like to bring to the attention of the striking municipal workers that no work no pay policy will be applied. In the event whereby the protesters forcefully remove their non-striking colleagues from the municipal head quarters or satellite offices and or become violent, the municipality will have no choice but to open charges with law enforcement agencies.

The municipality respects the right of workers to strike as a fundamental labour right in our democracy but it does not condone the exploitation of that right to cause damage to public properties and threaten others. The municipality has experienced a full blown strike with 80% of municipal officials joining the strike. The municipality will take whatever action it deem necessary to protect its properties and non-striking workers.

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