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TO THE EDITOR

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SUBJECT: BLM TO INVESTIGATE LILYDALE WATER CRISIS

The community of Lilydale region and its surrounding villages has been experiencing inconsistent water supply due to illegal connections. The water pipe from Hoxane Ndonga water treatment works in Mkhuhlu that supplies water from Mkhuhlu down to Lilydale and other surrounding villages has been tampered with and this has affected water supply to other villages in the area. In a bid to ensure that community members have access to water while the problem is being attended to, the municipality has installed 112 jojo tanks and deployed water tankers to supply water.

During the week 3 water tankers and on the weekend 7 water tankers are dispatched to Lilydale to continuously fill the jojo tanks. The municipality has appointed two consulting engineering companies to investigate the problem and report back to the municipality. The report will use the report in solving the challenge as a long term solution. We will continue using jojo tanks to supply community members with water until the problem is fixed.

The Executive Mayor is calling upon community members to stop illegal connections because it causes damage to the water infrastructure. Water shortages in some community can be attributed to illegal connections on the bulk pipe line which reduces the system pressure. This affects water provision to steep areas. Members of the community are advised to be vigilant and report acts of vandalism and theft as well as illegal connections to water committees and ward councilors in their respective villages.

Regards,

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