

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

(Form of Petition to Parliament)

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

The Petition of the undersigned ¹

Petition: Sewerage overflow into Wetland causing major health risks and water interruptions of residents of Banaero Park.

Respectfully sheweth: That²

We, the residents of Banaero Park are requesting the Portfolio Committee of Human Settlements and Water and Sanitation and the Portfolio Committee of COGTA to urgently intervene and address the serious health risks residents of the City of Elurhuleni are forced to endure on a daily basis.

The pleas of the residents to government is to do something about the Thousands of litres of raw sewage that is flowing into the wetlands in Marigane and Lanseria street in Bonaero Park, Kempton Park.

Residents are complaining that they cannot open their windows because of the severe stench that they have to endure 24 hours a day.

The existing sewer line which was installed many years ago within the perimeter of this important wetland has become severely perforated due to old age, which has led to the raw sewage seeping out of this pipe into the wetland.

Residents are unable to go outside or open the windows of their homes for fear of breathing in this stench. This has been a problem in the area for more than 10 years.

This wetland used to be a major attraction with hundreds of flamingos frequenting the wetland and home to many fauna species. However, due to the current state of the wetlands the flamingos have disappeared as have the fauna species.

¹ Here insert (a) in the case of one petitioner, name, description and place of residence and (b) in the case of more than one petitioner, description and place of residence.

² Here set forth the case or circumstances to be brought to the notice of Parliament and the nature of the relief asked for.

Residents are requesting that immediate action be taken to rectify the continual overflow of raw sewerage into Poo Lake, which is causing severe health risks and environmental damage, as well as urgently sort out the lack of water pressure in Bonaero Park.

This is not a new problem and dates back to over a decade of challenges for the community.

The entire sewerage line needed upgrading and replacing to accommodate the changing and growing developments of the area.

It's unacceptable that ratepayers struggle to get access to a basic human right, such as water.

We, the undersigned residents of ward 23 and 25, hereby petition the Member of the Mayoral Committee for Water, Sanitation and energy, Councillor Tiisetso Nketele, to honour her undertakings, which she gave to affected communities of these wards, at a public meeting held in Bonaero Park, by urgently initiating the required upgrades, to the current inadequate water infrastructure, severely affecting Ascolana and B on Cretion Street Bonaero park as well as Main road Brentwood park as well as surrounding streets in Brentwood park and Pomona.

The inadequate water infrastructure to these areas is failing very many residents in these two wards, including a major retirement village, due to regular and constant inadequate water pressure and supply.

The Constitution of South Africa, section 27 clearly states that, everyone has the right to have sufficient food and water.

It is the responsibility of the City of Ekurhuleni to provide this access to sufficient water.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald', written over a horizontal line.

Wherefore your petitioner (or petitioners) prays (pray) that the Honourable Parliament will be pleased to take his (or their) case into favourable consideration, and grant such relief as it may deem fit.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signatures to follow)