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## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

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Dear Alderman Donson

### **REPORT CONCERNING THE FILLING OF THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL SITUATED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF CALITZDORP**

On Tuesday late afternoon, the Garden Route District Municipality Disaster Management Centre ("GRDM DMC") was apprised, through communications from concerned residents of Calitzdorp, that officials of the Kannaland Municipality were engaged in the act of filling the Calitzdorp municipal swimming pool. Pursuant to enquiries made by the GRDM DMC, the Director: Technical Services, Mr. Dido, confirmed his knowledge of the said activity and advised that he intended to confer with the Municipal Manager regarding the matter.

In terms of the Disaster Management Act, 57 of 2002, a district municipality is statutorily obligated to assist, support, coordinate with, and enhance the capacity of local municipalities in circumstances constituting or relating to a disaster. It is on the strength of this statutory mandate that GRDM has been providing support to the Kannaland Local Municipality ("KLM") by means of water tankering to water-stressed communities within its jurisdiction.

GRDM is cognisant of the prevailing water scarcity in the greater Kannaland area, as well as the below normal rainfall forecast in the most recent seasonal climate outlook.

It is for this reason that the Kannaland Municipal Council resolved, on 27 November 2025, to implement Level 4 Water Restrictions across the entire Kannaland municipal area. These restrictions expressly prohibit the filling or topping up of private swimming pools from municipal water supplies. It is, accordingly, a matter of significant concern that the authority charged with enforcing these restrictions appears to have sanctioned, or initiated, the filling of a municipal swimming pool during the subsistence of such restrictions.

Furthermore, notwithstanding KLM's formal request, supported by the enclosed correspondence for GRDM to provide water to drought affected areas through tankering, the municipality has simultaneously authorised an activity that is inconsistent with the principles of responsible water stewardship and may reasonably be perceived as undermining the collective drought response efforts currently underway. Such conduct presents a contradictory message to residents and stands at odds with the ongoing interventions undertaken by GRDM in support of Kannaland Municipality.

While GRDM remains committed to assisting municipalities within the district to the fullest extent reasonably possible, such assistance presupposes that the beneficiary municipality will act in a manner that reflects prudent, efficient, and responsible utilisation of limited water resources.

Accordingly, GRDM formally requests that the Kannaland Local Municipality reconsider its decision forthwith and desist from any further action that may

compromise or undermine the ongoing efforts to conserve water within the Kannaland municipal area.

Yours faithfully

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

**ALD MARAIS KRUGER**

**EXECUTIVE MAYOR**