



# Kenton on Sea

## RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

18 January 2019

Mr Rolly Dumazweni, Municipal Manager

cc Mr Phindile Faxi, Mayor  
cc Mrs Zitumane, CEO, Amatola Water

Dear Sir

### WATER CRISIS IN KENTON-ON-SEA AND EKUPHUMLENI

It is with great distress about the recent water crisis in Kenton and Ekuphumleni that we are writing this letter to you. Following a meeting held in Kenton-on-Sea this morning we need to bring these points to your attention for urgent consideration, action and reply.

1. Residents of Kenton and Bushmans were only advised in December 2018 that there would be a water shortage during the holiday season. This made it impossible for residents and businesses to plan accordingly and make alternative arrangements. As a result of this late notice a number of visitors diverted to other holiday resorts. We have also been advised by many other visitors that they will not return to Kenton or Bushmans unless the water situation is rectified. Obviously this has a major effect on the growth of the area and employment prospects for our people.
2. We understand that there are various short term solutions being discussed using technologies which include, flow meters, non-return valves, air release valves and pressure reduction measures plus insuring all houses have appropriate rain water collection tanks. All this, in addition to instituting a 'Water Scarcity Awareness Programme'. We look forward to urgently hearing the outcome of these discussions.
3. There is an EIA process underway specifically regarding the increase of capacity for the Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plant at Bushmans; please confirm when this will be completed as this is of the utmost importance and needs to be prioritised and monitored.
4. Part of the EIA process requires a public participation meeting; when is this meeting scheduled. We urgently require the day, time and venue so that the necessary notifications can be sent out and representation organised.

5. We are also concerned that the lack of available water in the area poses a greater risk in the event of a fire as seen in Betty's Bay recently.
6. Major new housing, commercial and industrial developments in Ndlambe should not be signed-off without provision for sufficient water being made.

We look forward to your considered reply.

Simon Oliver,  
Chairman, KOSRA Committee