13 March 2016

To:

Mr. Karam Jeet Singh

Provincial Manager,

Human Rights Commission, Western Cape,

7th Floor, ABSA Building

132 Adderley Street

Cape Town, 8001.

Dear Mr. Singh,

It is my pleasure to submit to you attached plea on behalf of the people of Masiphumelele whose health is at imminent risk due to the insanitary conditions that prevail in the 'wetlands' area of Masi. We do so at the behest of your esteemed Chairperson, Advocate Lawrence Mushwana, when he visited Masi and saw the terrible conditions, on 26 February 2016.

We have a sound case and wish to show that the current situation poses a health risk for the whole community, endangers lives, especially those of children and constitutes a human rights violation in terms our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, our Children's Act and is an affront to international conventions South Africa is a signatory to.

We urge you to take what actions you can within your mandate. We also ask you to hold a Public Hearing at which aggrieved residents can address the HRC on the matters they feel are wrongly imposed on them.

Attached is our submission to you. Additional to the submission are a set of photographic images that support our contentions. The file of photographs is too large to send by electronic mail. We therefore ask: when would it be possible for us to pay a visit to your offices so we may hand to you 3 sets of the Submission with the photographs. One copy is for your attention, another is for Advocate Mushwana, and a third is for Ms Tammy Carter in your legal section.

This submission will also we distributed in Masi and surrounding suburbs.

We make no claim that we have expert knowledge on unsafe water or water contaminated by faecal matter. We have had no access to scientific support or to do sampling of contaminated water, nor have we had funds to have surveys done. We believe though, that our case is overwhelming and strong.

We pray for your earliest intervention.

Kindly let us know when we can visit your offices in coming days.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Tshepo Moletsane.

Elected community leader in Masiphumelele, on behalf of the community whose lives are at risk.

PS: You may respond to me at this email: <[tshepo.Moletsane@capetown.gov.za](mailto:tshepo.Moletsane@capetown.gov.za)>  The email used above is facilitated so I can send large file attachments.