

STATEMENT ON POOR SERVICE DELIVERY

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There is much that is being said and goes on in the province that suggests that all is not well. It is unfortunate that the government most of the time resorts to denying the existence of some of the issues.

The ostrich mentality the provincial government continues to apply may lead to explosion in due course.

The unfortunate culture of taking to the streets is gradually taking root in some parts of the Ngaka Modiri Molema District municipality.

The case in point is the picketing on the N4 by residents of Dinokana because they do not have sufficient potable water. It is unfortunate that such demonstrations take place on the national road that connects the province with neighbouring Botswana. Much as we can condemn the conduct, frustration because concerns are not being sufficiently addressed supersedes reason

As if that was not enough, the High Court in the province was called on to pronounce on the dissatisfaction of some residents of Sannieshof in the Tswaing Municipality because of poor quality of water the residents are supposed to use.

The government and the municipality cannot crow that they won the matter as the judge indicated that there were insufficient people cited in the litigation; there is merit in the complaint.

While we do not agree with all the sentiments of the minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, we in the United Christian Democratic Party, wish to advise the powers that be that there is writing on the wall; take heed.

One issue the UCDP would like to be pursued as indicated by the minister is the one on the use of millions of rands spent on training footballers when there is this acute shortage of water in the district. Of interest is that both

local municipalities we mention in this statement fall under this free spending district municipality.

Those in charge should get their priorities right and serve our people well.