

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**



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### **Mayor Buthelezi condemns the escalations of copper cables theft**

The Mayor of Ditsobotla municipality, Cllr Daniel Tebogo Buthelezi has strongly condemned the incident in which three electricity transformers were stolen at Klipeld on Thursday night. This action has left residence of Blydeville, Lichtenburg and Boikhutso to stay without water for the past days.

Mayor Buthelezi visited the area on Friday to make his own assessment about the severity of the damages.

He indicated that the escalations of electricity copper theft in the municipality is a worrying factor and it also hampers service delivery programmes. “We are going to beef up security around all mini substations to prevent further damages that might occur” said Mayor Buthelezi

The stolen electrical transformers were distributing power to all boreholes which are supplying water to the main reservoir. Cllr Buthelezi said the municipality will not allow a situation where its infrastructure is been vandalised by criminal elements. “We are working closely with law enforcement agencies to ensure that the culprits are brought to book”, said Mayor Buthelezi. He urges the public to assist in terms of guarding against the vandalization of municipal infrastructures.

The Mayor had on Friday requested the Mr Monde Juta, Ditsobotla Acting municipal Manager to expedite the processes of finding a replacements to

**the three stolen transformers so that power supply can be restored immediately at Klipveld and boreholes pumps to run again.**

**Mayor Buthelezi and Cllr Tshepo Makolomakwe, Executive Mayor of Ngaka Modiri Molema district had both visited Klipveld area on Saturday to ensure that power supply is restored and boreholes pumps are running again.**

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