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Dear Gentlemen

**ALLEGATIONS OF MILLIONS OF RANDS IN IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE FOR CRITICAL
OR TAMBO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS**

Serious allegations of financial mismanagement and misconduct have been made against the municipal manager of the OR Tambo District Municipality that involves millions of Rands in water and sanitation projects (see attached memo).

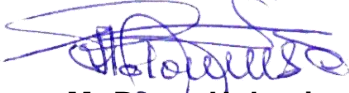
Most disconcerting of these allegations is that this R170 million were allegedly paid *in advance* of these water and sanitation projects and *not a single jot of work has allegedly been done*, whilst R134,004,193 (the bulk) of that amount was paid to Amatola *without any explanation*.

To make matters worse, apparently the municipality's chief financial officer's life has been threatened because of his refusal to process illegal payment and has had to hire bodyguards to keep him safe.

I would suggest that immediate investigation be done to find out what is going on with these projects. Aside from the need to have accountability in place for municipalities, one should keep in mind that hundreds of thousands of South Africans living in the villages of Mthatha, right up to Coffee Bay are adversely affected.

Keeping this in mind, I would also suggest that in this particular case that these water and sanitation projects be removed from the municipality's management and it be taken over by the national department as it is too important and affects the people of that area's basic human rights and survival.

Yours sincerely,



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