

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTH WEST PARKS AND TOURISM BOARD

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Unsafe conditions: North West Parks and Tourism Board sites - Borakalalo and Vogelstruisbult

The PSA has received serious complaints from members regarding unacceptable working and living conditions at the Borakalalo and Vogelstruisbult sites, which fall under the North West Parks and Tourism Board.

At the Borakalalo site, employees have been without electricity for nearly eight weeks. Meanwhile, those stationed at Vogelstruisbult are forced to endure substandard accommodation, an inconsistent water supply, and inadequate sanitation facilities. To date, management has failed to issue any formal communication to employees regarding these issues, reflecting a disturbing disregard for employee welfare.

These conditions constitute a clear violation of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and demonstrate the employer's failure to ensure a safe, healthy, and dignified working and living environment. Access to water, electricity, and proper hygiene is not a privilege - it is a basic right. Denial of these necessities jeopardises the physical and mental health of employees. The PSA has formally written to management, demanding urgent intervention to address the occupational health and safety concerns and the unacceptable communication breakdown.

The PSA calls on all members experiencing similar conditions to report these to the PSA North West Provincial Office on (018) 381 9600. The PSA will not tolerate the continued exposure of members to such inhumane conditions.

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