



Building Water Security While Confronting Johannesburg's Reality

Dear residents of Johannesburg,

This week, we opened the Brixton Reservoir and Water Tower, which are critical reinforcements to our water system in the west. But this is not a victory. Our battle for water security is only getting tougher. Johannesburg faces a water crisis. Years of neglect, rapid growth, and old pipes have pushed us to the brink. Too many residents endure dry taps, low pressure, and sudden outages. This is not a policy debate; it's survival.

Brixton's 26-megalitre ground tank and 2-megalitre tower are just one step. They bolster our supply when demand peaks and help us with weather disruptions. We started in 2023 and fought through

cash constraints and setbacks. We never wavered. This week, we deliver on our promise. Make no mistake, this is not about elections. These are generational investments, built despite political and financial obstacles. Our mission is Johannesburg's future, not headlines.

Our plan is focused: fix leaks, accelerate upgrades, cut losses, and tighten operations. We work with the national and provincial governments and Rand Water to ensure a stable, future-proof supply. This crisis demands urgent, united action from all levels of government. I hear your frustration: Why are outages still happening? Why isn't progress faster? These questions are fair. The truth: we're fixing decades of damage. Brixton isn't a quick fix; it's a shield against disaster. Without projects like this, the system would collapse.

We're pushing harder: more leak repairs, better pressure management, faster maintenance. Every litre and every fix counts. Brixton is just the start; more projects are coming to strengthen our City. We won't dodge accountability. Failures get action. Progress gets reported. Johannesburg is transforming. Our mission is urgent, our resolve absolute, and we won't rest until every resident has water on tap.

Until next time,

Johannesburg Executive Mayor Councillor Sello Dada Morero

