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For the attention of: **DEMARCATIONS BOARD**

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**RE: OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED DEMARCATIONS OF
TONGAAT, WARDS 58, 61 & 62**

SCHEDULE - KwaZulu Natal

DEM4010	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of Umvoti Local Municipality (KZN245), Umzinyathi District Municipality (DC24), Maphumulo Local Municipality (KZN 294) and iLembe District Municipality (DC 29) by excluding the town of Kranskop from the municipal areas of Umvoti Local Municipality (KZN245) and Umzinyathi District Municipality (DC24) and by including it into the municipal areas of Maphumulo Local Municipality (KZN294) and iLembe District Municipality (DC29).
DEM4011	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of KwaDukuza Local Municipality (KZN292), iLembe District Municipality (DC29) and eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality by excluding wards 58 and 62 from the municipal area of eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality and by including them into the municipal areas of KwaDukuza Local Municipality (KZN292) and iLembe District Municipality (DC29)
DEM4012	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of Umvoti Local Municipality (KZN245), Umzinyathi District Municipality (DC24), Maphumulo Local Municipality (KZN 294) and iLembe District Municipality (DC 29) by excluding the area of Kwazisabantu Mission allocated on Farm Jammer Daal 1941 from the Municipal areas of Umvoti Local Municipality (KZN 245) and Umzinyathi District Municipality (DC24) and by including them into the municipal areas of Maphumulo Local Municipality (KZN294) and iLembe District Municipality (DC29).
DEM4015	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality (ETH), Ndwedwe Local Municipality (KZN 293) and iLembe District Municipality (DC29), by excluding the town of Tongaat and Hazelmere Dam from the municipal area of eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality (ETH) and by including them into the municipal areas of Ndwedwe Local Municipality (KZN293), and iLembe District Municipality (DC29).
DEM4016	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of uMshwathi Local Municipality (KZN221), Umgungundlovu District Municipality (DC22), Ndwedwe Local Municipality (KZN293) and iLembe District Municipality (DC29) by excluding portions 31 and 36 of FARM 4667 Umvoti from the municipal areas of uMshwathi Local Municipality (KZN221) and Umgungundlovu District Municipality (DC22), and by including them into the municipal areas of Ndwedwe Local Municipality (KZN293) and iLembe District Municipality (DC29).
DEM4520_1	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of Impendle Local Municipality (KZN224), Mkhambathini Local Municipality (KZN226), Mpotana Local Municipality (KZN223), Richmond Local Municipality (KZN227), The Msunduzi Local Municipality (KZN225), uMngeni Local Municipality (KZN222), uMshwathi Local Municipality (KZN221) and Umgungundlovu District Municipality (DC22) by amalgamating all local municipalities in Umgungundlovu District Municipality (DC22), to establish a new Category A, Metropolitan Municipality in KwaZulu Natal.
DEM4520_2	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of Mkhambathini Local Municipality (KZN226),



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The people of Tongaat and the surrounding areas have vehemently opposed the proposal of the demarcations as advertised above. Members of the community took to online and social media platforms to express their discontent at this proposal and have signed online petitions to join in the campaign mobilizing support to file this objection. The online campaign led by the Tongaat Civic Association has garnered immense support from other neighboring communities, Verulam, Phoenix, Avoca, Effingham Heights, Umdhloti, Chatsworth, Merebank, Pietermaritzburg and many from other parts of the country, who are strongly opposing these proposed demarcations. Our reasons is tabled below: -

The Proposed demarcations which have been proposed to be excluded from Ethekewini Municipality, for inclusion into Kwadukuza and Ndwedwe Municipalities will significantly impact on the residents of Tongaat. La mercy and will impact negatively on the Ethekewini Metro

Firstly, Tongaat and Wards 58, 61 & 62 is a major ratepayer base and contributor to Ethekewini Metro which allows the ratepayers to have access to decent delivery of basic services of water, electricity and waste management. The area is sufficiently equipped with decent infrastructure which allows for a relatively decent living. Being incorporated into a local and/or district municipality will worsen our situation with the lack of infrastructure to supply basic services, the lack of resources to manage finances and services. The ratepayers of Tongaat, Wards 58, 61 & 62 have been accustomed to decent levels of service from the Metro and is familiar with the Metros administration of these services.

Secondly, Separating Tongaat Wards 58, 61 & 62 between 2 municipalities will have a serious economic impact on businesses and investment. Ward 58 holds a national key point in the King Shaka Airport, Dube Tradeport and Dube Agrizone, which is an important component of the Durban Functional Area for trade, travel, tourism and investment for the Province of Kwazulu Natal.

Thirdly, Tongaat and Wards 58, 61 & 62 is seeing much development, and this is having a positive impact on the socio-economics of the region. Tongaat has recently opened the first Mall in the town -Othongathi Mall and there is more development proposed for Wards 58 & 62. These developments will require bulk services which the local municipalities may not have the capability to provide for these bulk services.

Fourthly, the latest proposal to move Wards 58 & 62 to Kwadukuza and Ward 61 to Ndwedwe would see the Town of Tongaat in two different local municipalities, which are ranked differently based on resources and geographic location, and some



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communities could potentially split between the 2 municipalities, which will affect service delivery impacting residents and ratepayers.

Fifthly, such demarcations have clearly not taken into account what will happen to the major assets owned by eThekweni and which are currently serving communities outside these areas. These include assets like the Wastewater Treatment works, electricity substations, water treatment works, clinics, etc.

Sixthly, the commuting and relationships which currently exist within one municipality (eThekweni) will now be split and we have no doubt that instead of meeting the criteria of enhancing functionality you will still have many people commuting to eThekweni or commuting to Tongaat from Ndwedwe.

Finally, moving an area out of a Category A (Metropolitan area) where there is one municipality executing all municipal functions, into a situation where Tongaat residents would find themselves having to be served by both a Category C (District) and Category B (Local) municipality will undoubtedly affect service delivery as our service delivery will be managed by two municipalities. Not only this, but these two municipalities have none of the competencies or budgets to manage the significant infrastructure that currently serves our areas.

Yours faithfully
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