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MEDIA ALERT

KZN PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO HOLD FIRST OPEN ENGAGEMENT AND REPORT-BACK SESSION WITH DURBAN RESIDENTS

On Tuesday, **24th of February**, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works and Infrastructure will hold its first engagement with the residents of Durban which will be open to all members of the general public.

During this engagement the department will deliver its first ever Citizens' Report based on its performance over the 2024/25 financial period. The Department will disclose on the following, among other things:

- Employment and work opportunities created
- Bursaries and skills development opportunities achieved
- EPWP
- Community involvement at local projects
- Prioritization of women and persons living with disabilities
- Projects completed and delivered
- KZN Public Works and Infrastructure's budget spend

Over the past several months KZN Public Works and Infrastructure has been inundated with requests, grievances and complaints to address the notable exclusion of communities that has been happening in the past such as the issue of the 30% involvement of community members in projects

The community engagement will be the department's opportunity to inform the public about on how it has progressed around these matters.

At the engagement, the floor will be open to members of the community to directly address the department and its officials around where KZN Public Works and Infrastructure continues to fall short as well as answer questions around other issues they may have.

This first-ever, unfiltered initiative is a barrier-breaking milestone for KZN Public Works and Infrastructure as it intensifies efforts get closer to local communities while working alongside them.

Details of the community engagement as follows:

Date: 24 February, 2026

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Phoenix Hall (20 Featherstone Place, Durban, 4068)

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