

## **MEC Maile calls on Rand Water and labour to resolve issues**

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MEC for Human Settlements, Urban Planning and CoGTA Lebogang Maile has urged Rand Water and Organised Labour to find an acceptable resolution to avoid a prolonged industrial strike action.

As from today, Wednesday 21 April 2021, Organised Labour is expected to resume with its indefinite strike over salary increases and better conditions of employment at Rand Water.

“Organised Labour has a right to embark on a protected strike action on issues related to “bread and butter” for their members. And expect the strike action to be peaceful and without any violence or vandalism of public infrastructure”, said MEC Maile.

MEC Maile has urged residents of Gauteng to use water sparingly during this industrial action period.

According to MEC Maile “both parties must bargain in good faith or opt for a facilitated settlement process by an independent, unbiased and credible Mediator. But most importantly, parties need to take into consideration economic realities and challenges facing our country in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic”.

Rand Water has assured MEC Maile that the strike by Labour will not have a serious bearing on water supply in the province, especially across municipalities.

“We welcome the assurance from Rand Water. Our concern as Gauteng Government was water interruptions in essential service sectors, like public schools and health facilities. It was going to pose a serious health threat”, concluded MEC Maile.

MEC Maile urges both parties to resolve the ongoing dispute amicably and in the best interests of residents of Gauteng.

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